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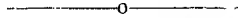


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Clareholm	Mrs. L. C. McKinney	Mrs. George Ringrose	Mrs. Roy Soby
Clareholm (Y)	Miss Lorna Dalglish	Miss Norma Sturgeon	Miss Audrey Thorne
Granum	Mrs. Gertrude Henker	Mrs. E. J. Dimm	Mrs. Nora M. Rowe
High River	Mrs. Wm. Buchanan	Mrs. H. C. Eyres	Mrs. H. J. Everson
Nanton	Mrs. Wm. White	Mrs. W. H. Hunter	Miss Annie Caswell
Parkland	Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart	Mrs. Louise Allan	Mrs. Lorne Beaton
Okotoks	Mrs. J. H. Hutchison	Mrs. Donald Morrison	Mrs. Robins

CENTRAL ALBERTA DISTRICT

Name of Union	President	Corresponding Secretary	Treasurer
Bawlf	Mrs. S. T. Wetterberg	Mrs. E. S. Olesberg	Mrs. Anna Eggen
Didsbury	Mrs. H. M. Reiber	Mrs. Bvettger	Mrs. J. V. Berscht
Didsbury (Y)	Miss Rena Honey	Miss Freda Moon	Miss Lucille Madoche
Innisfail	Mrs. E. C. Edwards	Mrs. C. E. Law,	Mrs. W. G. Wileon,
		Box 343	Box 333
Jutland	Mrs. Peter E. Liesemer	Mrs. E. Hunter,	Mrs. E. McAlister,
	Didsbury Rural Route 2	Didsbury Rural Route 2.	Didsbury Rural Route 2.
Leslieville	Mrs. M. Leather	Mrs. E. L. Pepper	Mrs. S. Taylor
Olids	Miss Ethel Cross	Mrs. C. G. Craig	Mrs. M. E. Strong
Red Deer	Mrs. M. A. McVicar,	Miss Ida Norton	Mrs. James Usherwood
	Box 302	Box 524	
Sedgewick	Mrs. E. S. Clemens	Mrs. H. McLennan	Mrs. H. R. Baxter
Wetaskiwin	Mrs. Wm. Mellett,	Mrs. W. T. Gordon	Mrs. A. A. Ellis,
	Box 574	Box 361.	Box 155.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA DISTRICT

Lethbridge Central	Mrs. R. E. Allison,	Mrs. W. G. Aldons,	Mrs. J. Haines,
	1264-4th Ave. S.	802-15th St. S.	818-15th St. S.
Lethbridge Willard	Mrs. Agnes McIlvina,	Mrs. Janet Goldie,	Mrs. H. Ingram,
	334-12th St. C. N.	538-12th St. C. N.	1516-3rd Ave. N.
Medicine Hat	Mrs. W. Worth,	Mrs. J. McEwen,	Mrs. E. J. Sangster,
	521-C. Maple Ave.	350, Cambridge St.	1513, D. Allowance Ave.
Lethbridge (Y)	Miss Mona Delany,	Miss Ina Wisely,	Miss Nina Delany,
	1274-8th Ave. S.	1234-5th Ave. S.	1274-8th Ave. S.
Macleod	Mrs. E. Forster Brown	Mrs. J. E. McRae	Mrs. R. Gillespie

EDMONTON DISTRICT

Name of Union	President	Corresponding Secretary	Treasurer
Bruce	Miss Nellie Whittaker	Mrs. D. M. Haight	Mrs. Martha Wilson
Edmonton Central	Mrs. R. B. Empey, 11312-71st St.	Mrs. B. Hager, 10073-93rd St.	Mrs. R. Kingsbury, 11437-94th St.
Edmonton Victoria	Mrs. Chas. Murray, 9837-86th Ave.	Mrs. J. W. Calder, 10747-80th Ave.	Mrs. R. J. Bibby, 10707-80th Ave.
Brooker T. Washington	Mrs. Shirley Oliver, 1609-89th St.	Mrs. J. B. Bowden, 10512-97th St.	Mrs. Grace Boiden, 11343-92nd St.
Greenshields	Mrs. C. Morrisette	-----	Mrs. M. Lord
Lamont	Mrs. P. K. MacRae	Mrs. W. P. Williams	Mrs. Findlay Ross
Lavoy	Mrs. George Walz	Mrs. O. T. Smiley	Mrs. O. T. Smiley
Ryley	Mrs. A. J. Thorsley, Rural Route 3, Tofield.	Mrs. E. E. Kall	Mrs. C. S. Young
Vermilion	Mrs. J. D. Stevens	Mrs. H. N. Stevens	Mrs. H. Gaetz
Viking	Mrs. Hilliker	Mrs. O. Fitz-Maurice	Mrs. G. T. Armstrong
Wainwright	Mrs. A. Watson	Mrs. F. J. Lepper	Mrs. F. J. Lepper

STETTLER DISTRICT

Clive	Mrs. James Tees	Mrs. W. R. Johnson	Mrs. R. N. Longstreet
Consort	Mrs. C. E. Holmes	Mrs. W. A. DeWolfe	Mrs. D. R. Roberts
Donalda	Mrs. H. Bosomworth	Mrs. O. M. Vikse	Mrs. O. M. Vikse
Red Willow	Mrs. W. M. McCarty, Stettler, Alberta.	Mrs. R. C. Lyster	Mrs. R. C. Lyster
Stettler	Mrs. John McRea	Miss Eunice Marshall	Mrs. J. H. Bradley

HANNA DISTRICT

Youngstown	Mrs. (Rev.) M. McDowell	Mrs. Nancy O. Parke	Mrs. Ada Atkins
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Alberta Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union

MINUTES OF SUB-EXECUTIVE MEETING

The mid-year Sub-Executive met in the parlor of Central United Church, Calgary, Thursday, February 7th, 1929, Mrs. McKinney, Provincial President, presiding.

Others present were: Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Lonsberry, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. White, Mrs. Hilliker, Mrs. Edwards.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. McKinney.

Mrs. MacPherson led in prayer.

First item of business dealt with correspondence. Mrs. McKinney read a letter from the Association of Moral and Social Hygiene of London, England, re. Dame Rachel Crowdy being continued in office for several years longer. Agreed on motion that the President reply to this letter.

Mrs. McKinney explained re. a letter sent Premier King in compliance with a request from Mr. Peck's office. The reply was read by the Recording Secretary.

A letter re. Alberta W. C. T. U. contributing \$100.00 toward the budget of the Canadian Temperance Federation was read by the Secretary. Agreed on motion that this letter be replied to, stating that this matter cannot be dealt with until Provincial Convention.

Mrs. White explained the Ontario Clip Sheet. On motion, it was agreed that steps be taken to issue an Alberta Clip Sheet, and that the Provincial President be authorized to try to find a woman who will undertake the work.

Dominion Convention

Agreed on motion that Mrs. A. E. Cook, of Edmonton, be delegate to Dominion Convention. Agreed on motion that Mrs. MacPherson, of Holden, be alternate.

L. T. L.

A letter from Miss Giles, with L. T. L. suggestions, was read by Mrs. Martin. This was laid over to be discussed at the Friday morning session.

Adjourned on motion.

Mrs. McKinney led in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING

Present: Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. White, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Lonsberry, Mrs. Hilliker, Mrs. Edwards.

The meeting was opened by the President, who led in prayer.

A letter from Mr. Dougall re. "Messenger Competition," was read. A full discussion followed.

District Convention

Advised that, if possible, District Conventions be held early in May.

Central District

On motion, agreed that Central District be divided, the newly organized portion to be known as Stettler District. The Unions to be included in the new district are Stettler, Donalds, Red Willow, Consort, Bashaw, Clive.

Consent was given to have Mrs. Gaudin act as Superintendent of the work in the district, until the officers are elected.

Suggestions for District Presidents:—

- 1st. Paper on the Kellogg Peace Pact.
- 2nd. An L. T. L. Exhibit.
- 3rd. Daisy Chain Demonstration.
- 4th. Foot Prints of L. T. L. and L. W. Ribboners.
- 5th. Symposium—Mothers' Meetings.
 - (a) Whom shall we invite, and how?
 - (b) Subjects to be discussed.
 - (c) Demonstration.

6th. Parliamentary Drill.

Adjourned on motion.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting called to order by Mrs. McKinney.

District Conventions continued:—

6th. Paper—Our Work and its Appeal to Young People.

Provincial Convention

Place—Calgary.

Date—October 9, 10, 11.

Suggestions

Try to have:

- (a) Charter members present.
- (b) Representation or message from charter unions.
- (c) Mrs. Reekie, President Saskatchewan Union.
- (d) Fraternal delegates from other organizations.
- (e) 25th Anniversary Pageantry.

Organization

Agreed on motion that we inform the National Union that we stand prepared to pay our share of Miss Giles' total expenses in connection with her Canadian tour.

A letter from the National Missionary Superintendent was read.

Agreed on motion, one provincial member be made a world's life member.

Agreed on motion, that Mrs. Martin be authorized to issue L. T. L. Star Pins, to be given L. T. L. members who secure five or more new members.

Adjourned on motion.

M. L. MacPHERSON, Recording Secretary.

Minutes of Executive Meeting

The Executive of the Alberta W. C. T. U. met at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 31st, in the church of the Nazarene in Calgary. President in the chair.

Members of Executive present:

Mrs. L. C. McKinney	President
Mrs. M. L. MacPherson	Recording Secretary
Mrs. T. T. McArthur	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. J. E. Nix	Sunday School Superintendent
Mrs. P. J. Rowe	Peace Superintendent
Mrs. McDougall	Medal Contest Superintendent
Mrs. A. E. Cook	Tidings Superintendent
Mrs. Freeze	Literature Superintendent
Mrs. Carson	Press Superintendent

The first item of business taken up was a discussion of the program, and passing of bills in connection with same. The program was carefully reviewed and revised where necessary.

The following committees were nominated:

Credentials, Finance, Plan of Work, Resolutions, Press, Telegrams and Greetings, Courtesies.

Agreed to pay Mrs. M. M. Martin \$9.15 demonstration expenses.

Agreed, on motion, to pay \$14.25 for September Clip Sheet.

Adjourned, on motion, to meet at 8:00 p.m.

8:00 o'clock

Meeting called to order by the President.

Present were: Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. White, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. T. T. McArthur, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Nix, Mrs. Freeze, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. Sproule, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Empey, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Reiber, Mrs. Hyslop, Mrs. Meillett, Mrs. Grevett.

Mrs. Carson led in prayer. Minutes of afternoon meeting were read.

First item for consideration was the Sunday School campaign.

After an explanation by Mrs. McKinney, and a full discussion, it was agreed, on motion, that we contribute \$50.00 in prizes, to be awarded as follows: Seniors, \$10.00, \$7.00, \$5.00. Intermediates, \$7.00, \$5.00, \$3.00. Juniors, \$6.00, \$4.00, \$2.00.

The second item of business dealt with the Pledge-Signing Campaign.

The formal letter, the pledge form and the general organization of the campaign were presented and fully explained and discussed.

Mrs. Hyslop, one of the workers, gave an encouraging

report of her first few days in the field.

Mrs. Grevett and Mrs. McPherson are also taking up the work.

Adjournment, on motion.

M. L. MacPHERSON, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF CONVENTION

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The seventeenth annual convention of the Provincial W. C. T. U. met in the Nazarene Church, Calgary, October 2nd, 1929.

The morning session opened with a Consecration Service led by Mrs. McGowan. Mrs. Lewis led in prayer.

The convention was officially opened by the President, Mrs. McKinney.

The Crusade Psalm was read, and the Crusade Hymn sung.

Roll call of ex-officio members showed the following present: Provincial Officers, five; Provincial Superintendents, twelve; District Presidents, four.

Minutes of mid-year sub-executive read and adopted on motion.

Minutes of executive meeting read and adopted.

The following committees were appointed: Credentials, Mrs. T. T. McArthur, Mrs. F. G. Grevett; Finance, Mrs. J. I. Poole, Miss M. High, Mrs. C. W. W. Ross, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Aldons; Plan of Work, Mrs. Wm. White, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Ringrose, Mrs. Bibby, Mrs. Hyslop, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Carson, Miss Whitaker, Mrs. Nix, Mrs. Empey, Miss E. P. McKinney, Mrs. Reiger, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Anderson; Resolutions, Mrs. J. F. Knight, Mrs. P. J. Rowe, Mrs. A. E. Cook, Mrs. Tees, Mrs. Locke, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Dr. Robertson, Mrs. Dr. Sproule, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Vanderburg, Mrs. Mossman, Mrs. Bateman, Mrs. Lowther, Mrs. Redpath, Mrs. R. G. Gardiner; Press, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Sproule; Telegrams and Greetings, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. McDonald; Courtesies, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Knight.

Mayor Osborne was introduced at this time and officially welcomed the convention.

Departments

The following Superintendents gave their reports under the general heading, "At the Gateway of a New Quarter Century": Medical Temperance, Mrs. Jones; Legislation and Petition, read by Corresponding Secretary.

Agreed, on motion, that greetings from Mrs. Williamson be received and referred to the committee on Telegrams and Greetings for reply. Medal Contest, Mrs. McDougall; Literature Depository, Mrs. Freeze. These were

adopted on motion

Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Sproule led in noon-tide prayer.
Adjournment on motion.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. White, Vice-President, presiding in the absence of Mrs. McKinney, who was speaking over the radio C. F. C. N.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Carr, of Okotoks.

Mrs. White led in prayer.

Minutes of morning session were read and adopted, on motion.

Districts' Reports

Edmonton—Mrs. Hyslop, President.

Central—Mrs. Edwards, President.

Stettler—Mrs. Gaudin, President.

During the reading of this report, Mrs. McRae, Stettler Union President, was presented with a life-membership pin, by Mrs. Gaudin, District President.

Calgary—Mrs. White, President.

Southern—Read by Mrs. Bruce, Lethbridge.

These reports were adopted, on motion.

Provincial Officers' Reports

Corresponding Secretary—Given by Mrs. T. T. McArthur, and adopted on motion.

Treasurer—Given by Mrs. J. I. Poole, and adopted on motion.

The President's annual address was given at this time, and received with a standing vote of appreciation.

Adjournment on motion to enjoy a drive arranged by the Calgary hostesses.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Mrs. Woodhall presiding.

Hymn—"The Fight Is On."

Remarks by Chairman.

Violin solo—Mrs. Brecken, accompanied by Miss Kirkby.

Vocal solo—Mr. Kirkpatrick, accompanied by Miss Kirkby.

Pageant, "Our Silver Anniversary," under the direction of Miss DeLong.

At the close of the Pageant, a basket of flowers was presented to Miss DeLong by three-year-old Buddy Patton, and to Miss Sibbald, who took the part of the "Spirit of Temperance," by little four-year-old Eileen Patton. These children are the third generation of White Ribboners now residing in Calgary.

Mrs. Woodhall called the roll of those who were pres-

ent at the first convention twenty-five years ago: Mrs. Woodhall, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Porterfield, Mrs. Dewar, Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. North, Mrs. McTaggart, Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. O. C. Edwards, Mrs. Williams, Miss E. P. McKinney, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. White, Mrs. L. C. McKinney, Mrs. Allan.

Ten of these, Mrs. Woodhall, Mrs. Dewar, Mrs. North, Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. O. C. Edwards, Miss E. P. McKinney, Mrs. White, Mrs. McKinney, and Mrs. Allan, responded, and were presented from the platform.

Mrs. White, Vice-President, in an appropriate speech, presented to our Provincial President a World's Life-Membership, to which every Union in the province and the provincial officers had subscribed. Little Marjorie O'Neil presented her with a beautiful bouquet of gladioli.

Mrs. Poole presented a World's Life-Membership to Mrs. Dewar, subscribed by the Calgary West End Union, which was accompanied by a beautiful bouquet of blush roses, presented by the President, Mrs. H. Moreau McCallum.

Mrs. Reekie and Mrs. McKinney presented to Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea, of Peachland, B. C., a World's Life-Membership, subscribed for jointly by the two provinces, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

A night lettergram was sent to Mrs. Bulyea announcing the presentation.

An address by Mrs. Reekie, President of Saskatchewan province, was listened to with great interest and much appreciation.

Mrs. McKinney presented Mrs. Reekie with a sheaf of beautiful yellow 'mums.

A collection was taken which amounted to \$26.21.

A most successful evening concluded with the singing of "God Save Our King."

THURSDAY MORNING

Mrs. McKinney, President, presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss High, of Red Deer.

Minutes of Wednesday afternoon and evening meetings were read and adopted on motion.

Department Reports

Systematic Giving—Mrs. Bruce.

Flowers, Fruit and Delicacies—Read by Corresponding Secretary.

Travellers' Aid—Read by Corresponding Secretary.

These were adopted, on motion.

Agreed, on motion, that greetings from Mrs. Cunningham be received and passed to the committee on telegrams and greetings for reply.

Report of credential committee showed a total voting

strength of 101. This report was received on motion. The roll call showed a total voting strength of 79. This report was adopted, on motion. Consent was given to add three more names to the roll, making the total voting strength 82.

The following tellers were appointed:

First Set—Mrs. Bibby, Mrs. Salt, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. McCrea.

Second Set: Mrs. Hyslop, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Haliburton.

Consent was given to add the names of Mrs. Sproule, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Snider, Mrs. H. W. Gable, Miss R. Honey, Mrs. Peppard, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Bateman, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Fawdrey, Mrs. Loree and Mrs. Walters to the roll, making a total voting strength of 94.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. L. C. McKinney; Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. White; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. L. MacPherson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Knight; Treasurer, Mrs. J. I. Poole; Y. P. B. Secretary, Mrs. F. G. Grevett; L. T. L. Secretary, Mrs. M. M. Martin.

Department Reports Continued

Sunday School—Mrs. Nix.

White Ribbon Tidings—Mrs. Cook.

L. W. Ribboners—Mrs. McElroy.

These reports were adopted on motion.

Adjournment, on motion. Mrs. McKinney led in noon-tide prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional Exercises, conducted by Mrs. Elliot and Mrs. Curtis, of Olds.

Minutes of morning session were read and adopted, on motion.

Department Reports Continued

Lumber Camps and Mines—Read by Corresponding Secretary.

Evangelistic—Mrs. Reiber.

Canadianization—Mrs. C. W. W. Ross.

These reports were adopted, on motion.

"Impressions from National Convention" were given by Mrs. Cook, delegate. These were listened to with great interest.

A beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Young.

Birthday greetings were brought from the sister province of Saskatchewan by their President, Mrs. Reekie; from the National Council of Women, by Mrs. O. C. Edwards; from the Alberta Women's Institutes, by Mrs. Ferguson; the United Farm Women, by Mrs. F. E. Wyman; Young Women's Christian Association, by Mrs. Wilbur Horner.

"The Best Thing My Union Has Done in Twenty-five Years" was given by Mrs. Woodhall, President Calgary Central; Mrs. Newcombe, Didsbury; Mrs. Sproule, Edmonton Victoria; Mrs. Gardiner, Macleod; Mrs. Armstrong, Nanton; Mrs. Elliot, Olds; Mrs. Haliburton, Red Deer; Mrs. McKinney, Claresholm.

Letters of Greetings were read by the Corresponding Secretary from Mrs. Bulyea, of Peachland, B. C., also a telegram of thanks for her life-membership; from Mrs. Fowler, Beaver Lodge, Alberta; Margaret McDonald, Dominion "Y" Secretary; Mrs. Livingston, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Burbeck, California; Mrs. Asa Gordon, President Ontario W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Wallace, President Manitoba W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Gillespie, President British Columbia W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Morrison, President Nova Scotia W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Wilson, President Quebec W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Bruce, President New Brunswick W. C. T. U.

Agreed, on motion, that these greetings be received and passed to the committee on telegrams and greetings.

Agreed, on motion, that a message of loving sympathy and greetings be sent to Mrs. Cassels.

Agreed, on motion, that a letter of sympathy be sent to Dr. Sharpe and his daughters.

The Secretaries were asked to attend to these two messages.

Mrs. McKinney read the message sent by her to the women of Nova Scotia from the women of Alberta.

The committee in connection with the Pageant, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Carson and Miss E. P. McKinney, were escorted to the platform and introduced by Mrs. McKinney.

Adjournment on motion.

THURSDAY EVENING

At 6:30 p.m. a banquet was served in the basement of St. Paul's Church.

Mrs. McClung very ably acted as chairman and introduced the following speakers, who brought greetings:

Address of Welcome—Mrs. Woodhall.

City Schools—Dr. Scott.

United Church W. M. S.—Mrs. Scott.

Baptist W. M. S.—Mrs. A. T. Spankie.

C. G. I. T.—Mrs. Hilton.

Medical Doctors—Dr. Follett.

Prohibition Association—Mr. Hunter.

Reply to address of welcome—Mrs. Hyslop.

The evening session convened at 8:00 o'clock, Mrs. C. McDougall presiding.

Opening Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign."

Piano duet—Jessie and Margaret Arlidge.

Solo—Raymond Parkyn.

Contestants Nos. 1 and 2.

Solo—Miss Eva Mitchell.

Contestants Nos. 3 and 4.

Solo—Raymond Parkyn.
Solo—Miss Edna Rogers.
Solo—Mr. Gus. Arlidge.

Four contestants took part in the Diamond Medal Contest—Edna Findley, Nanton; Lillian Wannop, Nanton; Melba Armstrong, Nanton; Lorena Morrison, Edmonton.

The medal was awarded to Melba Armstrong, Mrs. Reekie, President, of Saskatchewan, making the presentation.

As a mark of appreciation of their contributions, the others were awarded framed mottos, "Somebody Cares."

The winners of the Banners were announced by Mrs. Wm. White, Vice-President.

The District Banner was awarded to Edmonton District.

The Local Union Banner was won by Calgary West End

The L. T. L. Banner was won by Parkland.

Mrs. M. L. MacPherson, Recording Secretary, awarded Star Pins to the following: Mrs. Horsfall, Stettler; Mrs. Gaudin, Stettler; Mrs. McRae, Stettler; Mrs. E. Self, Victoria, Edmonton; Miss Alaska Self, Victoria, Edmonton; Mrs. J. J. McKenzie, Victoria, Edmonton; Mrs. M. J. Bibby, Victoria, Edmonton; Miss Doris Bibby, L. T. L., Victoria, Edmonton; Mrs. Dewar, Calgary West End (71 new members); Miss E. P. McKinney, Calgary West End; Mrs. Welsh, Olds.

Life Members

Mrs. McKinney, Provincial President, awarded the Life Memberships for the year.

Provincial: Mrs. D. Gilchrist, Edmonton Victoria; Mrs. C. H. Holmes, Consort; Mrs. R. Oldham, Didsbury; Mrs. E. Boettger, Didsbury; Mrs. Wisley Stockton, Okotoks; Mrs. Eleanor Murray, Edmonton Victoria; Mrs. J. Loree, Nanton; Mrs. Marg. Buchanan, High River; Mrs. R. B. Walt, Edmonton Central; Mrs. W. H. Sperne, Edmonton Central; Mrs. Geo. Spellman, Edmonton Central; Mrs. Lowther, Calgary District; Mrs. W. L. Campbell, Viking; Mrs. Agnes McIlvena, Lethbridge; Mrs. S. Ellis, Calgary East End; Mrs. E. H. McAllister, Jutland; Mrs. Leather, Leslieville; Mrs. Wetterberg, Bawlf; Mrs. C. H. Anderson, Bawlf; Mrs. Emma Bendiksen, Ryley; Mrs. A. Finseth, Ryley; Mrs. McRae, Stettler; Mrs. D. Sloane, Cayley.

Dominion: Hon. W. H. Cushing, Calgary; Mrs. W. H. Cushing.

Mrs. Nix, Sunday School Superintendent, announced the provincial prize winners in the Northern Messenger Contest.

Seniors—1st, Varley Mulligan, Medicine Hat; 2nd, Julia Gue, Edmonton South; 3rd, Molly Marshall, Stettler.

Juniors—1st, Joy Russell, Red Deer; 2nd, Winnie Tait, Edmonton South; 3rd, Janet MacLennan, Edmonton.

Names of winners in the Essay Contest were not announced, owing to the absence of the Superintendent of that department.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Executive met at 9:00 a.m. and nominated the following as Superintendents of Departments:—

Evangelistic—Mrs. H. M. Reiber, Didsbury.

Sunday School—Mrs. J. E. Nix, 10219, 115th St., Edmonton.

Scientific Temperance—Mrs. N. O. Parke, Youngstown.

Anti-Narcotics—Mrs. Sproule, 10538-83rd Ave., Edmonton.

Social Hygiene—Mrs. H. M. Hilliker, Viking.

Literature Depository—Mrs. D. H. Freeze, 2413-1st A. St. E., Calgary.

Christian Citizenship—Mrs. A. E. Archer, Lamont.

Canadianization—Mrs. C. W. W. Ross, Lamont.

Little White Ribboners—Mrs. M. McElroy, 326-3rd Ave. W., Calgary.

Flowers, Fruit and Delicacies—Mrs. W. Worth, 527C, Maple Ave., Medicine Hat.

Travellers' Aid—Mrs. R. Cunningham, Didsbury.

Lord's Day Observance—Mrs. M. J. Denny, Consort.

Systematic Giving—Mrs. Bruce, 244-13th St. N., N. Lethbridge

Medical Temperance—Mrs. W. Jones, Hanna.

Medal Contest—Mrs. S. T. Armstrong, Nanton.

Press Work—Mrs. S. Carson, 1226-14th Ave. W., Calgary.

Fairs and Exhibits—Mrs. J. J. McKenzie, 10920-81st Ave., Edmonton.

Legislation and Petition—Mrs. W. M. Williamson, 317-1st Street, Medicine Hat.

Lumber Camps and Mines—Mrs. F. W. Gaetz, Red Deer.

Parlor Meetings—Mrs. D. C. Carr, Okotoks.

White Ribbon Tidings—Mrs. A. E. Cook, 10206-114th St., Edmonton.

Peace and Arbitration—Mrs. P. J. Rowe, Beverly.

Chairman Resolutions—Mrs. T. T. McArthur, 412-7th St., Medicine Hat.

Chairman Plan of Work—Mrs. McAmmond, Medicine Hat.

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Reiber, of Didsbury.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon and evening were read and adopted on motion.

Minutes of executive meeting were read and considered. These were adopted, on motion.

The Plan of Work Committee's report was given by Mrs. White.

Agreed, on motion, that this report be received and considered *seriatim*.

Consent was given to have clause two referred back for further consideration.

On motion, the Plan of Work report was adopted as a whole.

On behalf of the Provincial W. C. T. U., Mrs. McKinney presented Mrs. McArthur, retiring Corresponding Secretary, with a beautiful silver basket of rose buds; as a small appreciation of her faithful services for twelve years.

Memorial Service

A beautiful memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Hyslop, of Viking. The hymn "How Firm a Foundation" was sung, and John 14 was read.

The thought she wanted to take with us was, "Let us never associate our loved ones with the little green plot in the cemetery, but as having gone before, into that great blaze of glory, Going West."

The following are the names of those who were remembered:

Active Members: Mrs. Dr. Sharpe, Lacombe; Mrs. Legg, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Holmes, Stettler District; Mrs. Wm. Knight, Mrs. Frank Murray, Claresholm; Mrs. Marie Nueller, Mrs. H. Bricker, Mrs. C. D. Caver, Didsbury Union; Mrs. George Bryden, Mrs. Simpson, Calgary West End; Mrs. Geo. W. J. Stockton, Okotoks; Mrs. A. N. Laral, Innisfail; Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Lavoy; Mrs. D. A. Matheson, Parkland; Mrs. McKnight, late of Wetaskiwin; Mrs. Howorth, Hillhurst, Calgary.

This beautiful service was brought to a close by singing one verse of "Rock of Ages."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Sproule, of Victoria Union, Edmonton.

Greetings were received from Mr. Hull, General Secretary of the Prohibition Association.

Rev. Mr. Smead, Pastor of Convention Church, was introduced and brought words of greeting.

Finance Committee's report was given by Mrs. Poole, adopted on motion.

Agreed, on motion, that the travelling expenses of District Presidents to provincial convention and to mid-year sub-executive meetings be paid by the Provincial Union.

Agreed, on motion, that the Daisy Chain drive be continued.

Amendment by Mrs. White and Mrs. Locke, that we do

not accept the Daisy Chain as a provincial project, but that it be left optional with the local Unions.

The amendment to the motion carried.

The report of the Resolution Committee was given by Mrs. Knight, and considered *seriatim*.

On motion, the report of the Resolution Committee was adopted as a whole.

Agreed, on motion, that the Plan of Work be printed within a week and sent to the local Unions.

Invitations were received from Red Deer and Edmonton Victoria for next year's convention. Agreed, on motion, that we accept the invitation of Red Deer Union, expressing thanks to Victoria Union for their invitation.

On motion, it was agreed that we renew our affiliations in the League of Nations, Child Welfare, and the Provincial Executive of the National Council.

Agreed, on motion, that a special vote of thanks be given to Mr. Burgess, janitor, for his kind attention during convention.

Adjournment, on motion. The White Ribbon Chain was formed, and "Blest Be the Tie" was sung. Mrs. McKinney led in prayer.

The Convention was declared closed by the President.

M. L. MacPHERSON, Recording Secretary.

POST EXECUTIVE

8:00 p.m. FRIDAY NIGHT

Present: Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. White, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Grevett, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. Reiber, Mrs. Hyslop, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Freeze, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Cook.

A letter from Mrs. Parke was read, announcing the prize winners in the Essay Contest, as follows:

Grades V and VI—McDougall School, Calgary (no name given).

Grades VII and VIII—Jean Kempton, McDougall School, Calgary.

Grades IX and X—Alice Pinder, Macleod.

Grades XI and XII—Marjory Goodbrand, Youngstown.

Agreed, on motion, that Mrs. Edwards' bill for expenses in connection with Mrs. Grevett's itinerary be allowed.

Agreed, on motion, that we pay \$10.00 for janitor service.

Agreed, on motion, that Mrs. Carson have oversight of stationery printing.

Agreed, on motion, that the printing of Report Books

be given to the Claresholm Local Press.

Agreed, on motion, that the Corresponding Secretary compile the Report Book.

Agreed that we have 800 copies printed.

On motion, it was agreed that we pay \$1.50 to Mrs. McElroy for the Honor Roll.

Agreed, on motion, that the history, as given in the Pageant, be printed in the Report Book.

On motion, Mrs. Craig, of Olds, and Mrs. McClung, of Calgary, were re-elected Honorary Presidents.

Agreed that Essay Contest subjects be the same as last year.

Adjournment on motion.

M. L. MacPHERSON,
Provincial Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1930

We Pay Budget on Last Year's Membership.

We Pay Dues for This Year's Members.

BUDGET

Canadianization	\$ 950.00
Printing	500.00
Dominion Budget	270.00
W. R. T. Page	100.00
Compiling Report Book	25.00
Postage on Books and Stationery	20.00
Organization and Pledge-signing	450.00
Convention Expenses	250.00
Mid-year Executive	100.00
Literature Custodian	75.00
Essay Prizes	30.00
Messenger Prizes	50.00
Affiliation Fees	15.00
Exchange, Money Orders, etc.	40.00
Fund for National Convention	100.00

\$2975.00

Assets: Dues

390 00

Balance Budget

\$2585.00

Allocation is \$2.00 per capita for Budget.

After report of Finance Committee was adopted, Convention voted \$100 more, to cover the expense of District Presidents to Convention and Mid-year Executive.

MARY POOLE, Provincial Treasurer.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Anniversary occasions have their value in that they give to those interested a chance to pause long enough to take a backward glance and view in the light of the years the incidents and experiences through which they have passed. Standing at the parting of the ways, one indulges in a backward glance and a forward look, and we find that the experiences of the past have much to do in determining the outlook upon the future.

Twenty-five years ago there met in the city of Calgary a group of women from fourteen different towns in the North-West Territories—from Grenfell and Regina on the East, Edmonton to the North and Macleod to the South—a total delegation of twenty-eight outside of Calgary. This group met as total strangers to each other save that they were bound together by a common purpose. Each had been striving in her own locality to carry on some measure of organized effort against a common enemy. Each had felt the isolation of her position and had longed to touch shoulders with someone who worked next to her, and each felt a thrill of pleasure that at last a long-cherished dream was fulfilled and a Convention to organize our work Territorially was an accomplished fact. They met as strangers, clasped hands and parted as friends, with an enduring friendship to be intensified with the years.

When we first came to the West in 1903, a friend asked me what it was about this country that so captivated those who came. At the time I had to confess my inability to answer her question, as I, myself, had not as yet been captivated, but I promised to spend some time in trying to find out. At the end of a few months I wrote to my friend that I had discovered the secret, and it was this: "Things are developing and I am helping to make them develop." If this be true, and I believe it is, then life must have had a real interest for people living in Calgary for the past quarter of a century. In 1901 there was a population variously stated as from four to six thousand. By the time of our visit in 1904 the population was estimated at 10,540, and in 1929 we are told that the estimated population is about 80,000, while the story of her development in other lines reads almost like a fairy tale. In 1904 there were no street cars, and I can remember no paved streets. In 1929 there are 64 miles of pavement and 78 miles of car lines. There are 68 public and high schools, 6 colleges and 114 churches, as well as all the institutions that go to make a thriving, wide-awake city, and many important lines of manufacturing as well. Approximately 14,300 persons are said to own automobiles. The total assessed value of property last year was \$55,868,548.00, while the bank clearings amounted to \$666,517,374.00. In 1904 Calgary was the centre of a great ranching area and gave promise of becoming the distributing centre of a rapidly increasing number of prosperous towns. That she is still within the ranching area is evidenced by the

number of cars handled each year in her stock-yards, but the marvellous development of the agricultural resources of this part of the Province is indicated in part by the presence of the Government Terminal Elevator with a capacity of 2,500,000 bushels. And who will tell the story of her gas, her oil and her electrical power development? Calgary has always been in the front ranks with her municipally-owned utilities, and many are the lines of progress in which she has taken the lead.

And what of the new organization—twenty Local Unions with a total membership of 308 scattered over a vast prairie with more than 800 miles separating their most distant points and no financial resources to overcome the distances. But stout hearts and organization can accomplish the impossible, and our women have long since learned that after all the only difference between the possible and the impossible is that the impossible takes a little longer.

The next year after organization the Territories were formed into Provinces and our name was accordingly changed to The Alberta and Saskatchewan Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union. During those early days the officers gave of their time freely, and with much correspondence and occasional visits to points nearest to them, an interest was aroused and this interest was measurably quickened by the Annual Conventions.

The Dominion Union had already financed Mrs. Craig's trip through the Territories, and had sent the Dominion President, Mrs. Rutherford, of Toronto, to attend the Organization Convention, and they now supplemented this by a generous grant in 1906 and again in 1908, thus enabling us to put an organizer in the field for seven months of each year, and Mrs. Margaret Hyslop, a young woman recently from Scotland, rendered us invaluable service. But since 1908 we have been able to stand upon our own feet and have received no further financial assistance from Mother National.

For many years we observed the policy of keeping an Organizer at work for several months each year, keeping pace with the rapidly increasing railway construction, so that wherever a new town was established in any territory, there our workers went, preaching our gospel of temperance and organizing wherever possible. Of course, not all of the Unions lived, for in those pioneer days conditions and population alike were subject to "change without notice," but the work progressed till in 1912 there were in the two Provinces 95 Unions with a membership of 1542—43 Unions in Alberta and 53 in Saskatchewan. In addition to this we had four well organized Districts within each Province; had kept two organizers at work, Mrs. Hyslop and Mrs. McDonald. Mrs. Alameda Livingstone is another whose name deserves mention as rendering splendid service during those early years.

At the Convention of 1912 it was decided that the work had grown to such proportions that it could be done much

more effectively through two provincial organizations, consequently our Union was divided, and since that time Alberta and Saskatchewan has each carried on its work as a separate unit. Still the work of organization progressed till in 1915 Alberta alone had 78 Unions with a membership of 1350. Then came the World War, when all of our resources of time and money were mobilized to supply the needs of those whom we had sent to the front and into camp. Organization ceased, ordinary lines of work were of necessity temporarily pushed into the background. Prohibition came into effect, and in spite of the warnings uttered by those who were leading the forces of Temperance everywhere, many of our women seemed to think our work was accomplished and promptly lost their enthusiasm. In the meantime other women's organizations had come into existence, and each with its own appeal had absorbed the interest of the women. The automobile and the moving pictures, and in later years the radio, had made public meetings more difficult, and in 1920-'21 we find ourselves with a membership just a little below 1000. Yet, on the whole, interest and enthusiasm never flagged, and we were soon able to overcome adverse conditions and count ourselves on the up grade, so that in 1929 we had reached a membership of 1500.

In reviewing our activities for the years, we find a most interesting study, and it must be admitted that our program has been constructive and up-to-date. Public drinking fountains were erected; rest rooms and reading rooms established as counter attractions to the bar; meetings were held in jails; hospitals were assisted; in the cities Travellers Aid work done; local relief was given; in Calgary for many years a creche was conducted by the W. C. T. U. Educational work was not neglected. The first Minister of Education during his first term of office was interviewed on the question of giving Hygiene and Scientific Temperance a higher status by placing it on a par with other subjects both as to text books and examination tests, and it is gratifying to report material progress as the years pass. Temperance in Sunday Schools has been given special emphasis, public meetings were held, and thousands of pages of literature were distributed every year. While some of these lines of effort have gone out of date or passed into other hands, new methods have come to take their place. In the educational field we wish to place greater emphasis on the picture and the pageant, so the Provincial Union has placed two sets of Scientific Temperance slides in the Department of Education at the University of Alberta so that they may be distributed with their regular educational sets of slides. One of the Unions has produced and presented a very creditable play and more than one pageant has been written by our women.

For many years the problem of our New Canadians has pressed upon us, particularly in regard to the large Ukrainian colony east of Edmonton. Coming as they did

from European countries, and bringing with them their custom of social drinking, it was obviously a hopeless task to force Prohibition upon them, and yet a solid anti-prohibition colony such as that must continue to prove a menace to the whole Province. The only logical, and indeed the only Christian way to meet the situation is by education. Bring to the people the present day findings of science regarding all forms of beverage alcohol; teach them the economic waste; help them to see that drink is a handicap to their children when they go out into the world to compete with other people; get these truths home to the children and young people as well as the adults, and we will gradually change the thinking of the people and win their support for the outlawry of the traffic. Then it will be a question of law observance and not of law enforcement.

To meet the need we decided in 1918 to open a social centre under the direction of Miss Howard, a teacher who had spent several years in the colony and was very enthusiastic over the work. The results were very gratifying as long as Miss Howard remained, but when she was obliged to leave, it was difficult to find a successor, and a social centre in a rural community had its limitations, so it was thought best to abandon that plan, and instead we placed a man in the field, one of their own people who speaks the language and gives his entire time going in and out among the people, giving lectures, visiting schools, distributing literature and in every way possible sowing the seed of Temperance truth and better citizenship. Progress thus far has been slow, but we believe much good is being done.

As to our direct contact with the Liquor Traffic, it is difficult to write an accurate history. I once heard a member of the original Crusade Band relating some of the experiences of those early days, and she said: "We never dreamed at the time that we were doing anything heroic or anything that would be applauded by those who came after us. We simply knew that we were faced with a situation that had become well nigh intolerable, that something must be done to change conditions, and this was the only thing we knew at the moment that could be done. It was not easy, but we were in earnest and we did it." This may be said of the workers in any moral movement at any period of their history, but it is particularly true of Temperance workers in a new land. The enemy is on the ground; conditions are not what they should be; there seems very little that can be done to change them but that little must be undertaken fearlessly, yet as wisely as possible.

During the later Territorial days the Traffic had become firmly entrenched, and no sooner was settlement directed to any one locality than a bar was opened and the deadly work began. Anyone who lifted his voice against it was accused of stirring up strife, causing a division among the people and knocking his own town—an unpardonable sin

in those days, demonstrating the truth that the nearer the evil is to one's own door, the more difficult it is to attack it. But there were those who refused to be silenced and continued their opposition to the Drink Demon, and we note that one of the first acts of the newly organized Territorial Union was to get in touch with other Temperance Societies to see if something could not be done to secure the election of men to the legislatures of the Province about to be created who would be in sympathy with the idea of enacting a Prohibitory law at the first session. This movement, however, got no further than the Committee stage, but the women did not lose sight of their ideal in using what influence they had for the election of Temperance men.

The first Legislature did not enact Prohibition, but they did enact a License Law which they assured us was the best in the Dominion, but under it bar-rooms multiplied, homes were wrecked and lives ruined. Under these conditions there was nothing to be done but to work locally and otherwise for any changes that might at the moment seem possible.

The avowed purpose of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has from the beginning been the complete extinction of the Liquor Traffic, or, in other words, complete Prohibition, but as sometimes it is necessary to remove a good deal of rubbish before progress can be made, so our first work was to dispose of the Local Option Law which had come to us as a heritage from the old Territorial days, but which under changed conditions was found to be cumbersome and unworkable.

In 1907 the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League was formed, and since that time any Legislative efforts so far as the Liquor Traffic was concerned were carried on in conjunction with that organization. Indeed the same thing is true regarding all of our legislative work, for while we have given our support to all social and moral legislation that has come before our people, yet in none of it have we been alone in the field. Just here let me digress to note some of the measures which have claimed our support: Scientific Temperance in Schools, Equal Franchise, Women's Dower, Juvenile Delinquents Act, Age of Consent, Care of Mentally Defective Children, Minimum Wage, Mothers' Allowance, Municipal Hospitals, and others. Perhaps the only one of the social reforms in which we were the real leaders was that of Woman's Franchise, and that possibly through the accident of circumstances as we were the only society Provincially organized who were in a position to take it up. However, when the petitions were finally circulated the work was divided so that the Local Council of Women assumed responsibility for the cities, the W. C. T. U. for the towns, and the U. F. A. for the rural portion of the Province, and we glean the following from the report of our Franchise Superintendent for that year: "On the 10th of October, 1914, a representative delegation, the W. C. T. U. among

the number, waited upon the Premier in his office in the Parliament buildings at Edmonton. Petitions signed by more than 40,000 men and women of this Province, asking that the franchise be extended to the women of the Province, were presented. Seven thousand of those signatures were secured by our W. C. T. U. women." I need not state what is a matter of history that legislation placing women on a political equality with men was passed by the legislature of 1916.

But to return to our activities in Prohibition lines. As stated above, our first business was to demonstrate that the existing Local Option Law was unworkable. After several manoeuvres this was fully demonstrated in 1911, and our attention was directed towards securing satisfactory amendments so that it might be put into operation. However, instead of amending the Local Option Law, the Government of the day called our attention to the Direct Legislation Law, which they had passed in 1913, and told us this was our opportunity.

Accordingly in 1914 the necessary petitions were circulated, with the result that a vote was taken on July 21st, 1915, which resulted in an overwhelming majority for Prohibition. The work done by the members of our organization during this campaign has never been tabulated nor could it be, but they gave generously of their time, their energy and their means, and ours was a real contribution to the whole campaign. Considering the limited powers of the Provinces in the matter of Liquor Legislation, Provincial Prohibition was a great success. But the abuses arising from the importation of liquor interfered seriously with enforcement, so that the action of the Federal Government in passing orders-in-council in 1917 and 1918, forbidding manufacture and importation during the period of the war and one year after, was hailed with delight by the Temperance forces. When the war was over, the Dominion Temperance forces asked the Dominion Government to submit to the people of all the Provinces the question as to whether they wished to have the war-time regulations enacted into law, the date for the vote to be fixed as soon as possible after the soldiers were reinstated into civil life. Instead of granting this request, the Government amended the Canada Temperance Act so as to give to any Province having Prohibition the privilege of voting on the question of importation into that Province should the Legislature of the Province pass a resolution making the request. In 1920 the Alberta Legislature passed such a resolution, and the vote was taken in October of the same year and resulted in a substantial majority for the amendment. This greatly improved matters, but enforcement was still difficult, and in spite of the warnings and entreaties of those who were in a position to see the situation as it was, the great mass of our people were seized with the idea that once Prohibition was enacted it would never be repealed, so there

was really no need for continued education and agitation. They failed to remember that a "Waterloo is a victory in which the enemy's forces are demoralized but not of necessity annihilated", with the result that the insidious propaganda of the liquor forces had right of way and a few of their catch words captured the public mind to such an extent that when a vote was taken in November, 1923, a large majority was registered in favor of Government Control, and the work of half a century was thrown into the discard. But though defeated, we are not discouraged, for our business is to overthrow the traffic in beverage alcohol, and to this end will we work as long as God gives us strength and then we will "throw the torch" to those who come after us.

Before the vote in Alberta was taken, Quebec, British Columbia and Manitoba were already under Government Control, and since that time Saskatchewan, Ontario and New Brunswick have followed, so that at the present time only Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island remain under Prohibition. Government sale is not a step in the direction of Prohibition as it is in principle opposed to Prohibition. Instead of making it harder for people to get drink, it makes it easier. Prohibition aims to eliminate the Drink Traffic. Government Sale encourages the Drink Traffic, enables it to grow rich and gives it political power and prestige. Prohibition aims to change the customs of the people and demonstrate the fact that beverage alcohol has no place in our present civilization and thus should be avoided. Government Sale makes the Trade respectable, encourages social drinking, and helps to place greater temptation in the path of our young people. All this and more is true in theory, but the actual working out of the system is far more alarming. When we read that we have in the Province of Alberta 352 beer licenses, 32 Government liquor stores, and two mail order houses, 48 licensed clubs, and that last year there were issued 981 banquet licenses; that in 1927 there were issued to residents of the Province 34,428 general permits, 2659 beer permits, and 137,600 single purchase permits—that in the last five years Alberta spent \$55,000,000.00 in drink—all of these figures startle us for the moment; but add to this, as we must, the inevitable results to human life, and what is the picture? Wrecked homes, young men and women started on the road to ruin, debauched manhood, degraded womanhood, neglected childhood, reduced efficiency, lower standards of morals and lower standards of living. Yes, we might go on indefinitely without telling the whole tale, and in wonder we ask why any enlightened people should tolerate such conditions. The answer is an old one and is summed up in three words: Avarice, Appetite, Apathy. Three classes of people are satisfied with the present state of affairs. Those who are engaged in the Trade, those who want to gratify an appetite, and those who are not sufficiently touched by the world's hurt to care to rouse themselves from their selfish indifference

Someone has characterized the present as the most difficult stage through which the Temperance movement has passed. Be that as it may, the fact remains that the most difficult task for the present is to arouse the great mass of the people from their apathy, but, dear friends, even this can be done if we as individuals will realize our share of responsibility and undertake to do our part.

The statement made a moment ago that the result of half a century of effort was thrown into the discard is true of our legislative program in the Dominion of Canada, but it is not true of the spirit of the people, for while our defeat was due in part to apathy and partly to a temporary spirit of discouragement because of the difficulties in the way of enforcing Prohibition, yet the great mass of our people are not satisfied with present conditions and are only waiting till they get their bearings and decide just what is to be the next point of attack, for they are more fully convinced than ever that the only way to deal with the liquor traffic is to exterminate it. That this is hedged about with difficulties goes without saying, but it must and will be done.

Nor is the statement true of the anti-alcoholic movement in the world at large. We are well aware that the Liquor Interests of Europe are organized with almost unlimited financial resources at their command, organized to oppose any movement to curtail the traffic, no matter how small or insignificant the measure may be, in any country in the world, but particularly interested in discrediting Prohibition in the United States. We know, also, that eight wine-growing countries of Europe have entered into a compact, which is filed at the office of the League of Nations, to protect their wine industry and to carry on a campaign of education to teach their people the beneficial properties of wine. We know, also, that the "wets" of the United States are persistent in their efforts to bring their Prohibitory Law into disrepute to the end that it may be overthrown, and we are ashamed to confess that we know our own Canada, through the inaction, nay, more, through the avowed policy of the Government as stated by one of its Ministers, is abetting those who are using our borders as a highway to smuggle liquor into our neighboring State and thus render their problems of law enforcement much more difficult.

But over against all of this is the fact that never before was there such a world wide movement against the evils of alcoholism nor so great a determination on the part of so many people to find some means of accomplishing its overthrow, which means that in practically every nation there is a group of workers whose goal is Prohibition. From Japan, from India, from Egypt, from all the Scandinavian countries, from Czecho-Slovakia—indeed from practically all the countries of Northern and Central Europe, Russia included, come most heartening reports of the activities of the total abstinence forces, all of whom are looking forward to Prohibition.

In Great Britain the tide of Total Abstinence sentiment is rapidly rising, while the overwhelming victory in the United States last November indicated to the people of the world the temper of the people of that great Nation as regards the 18th Amendment, for no matter what interpretation the wet press may put upon the election of Mr. Hoover, the nations of the world have interpreted it as a strong and definite pronouncement in favor of the continuance of their Prohibitory Law.

Then, when we consider the advance in the thinking of the people regarding the whole alcoholic question during the last quarter century, there is further cause for encouragement. Religion at that time and for some years previously, has sent forth her clarion note—that indulgence in alcoholic drinks is wrong, and that the traffic in strong drink is morally wrong, and can therefore never be made legally right, and religion still continues to sound the word of warning. Science which had begun to proclaim facts which supported this attitude has added much to its quota of testimony, and be it said that Science has never retracted from any ground it has taken in this realm of thought, and its findings regarding alcohol have not been replaced except by some statement which gave additional force to the ground already taken. Science has established the fact that alcohol is not a stimulant but is a depressant, a habit-forming drug, a narcotic poison. Not only this, but science in recent years has placed the emphasis, not on drunkenness as the term has been commonly understood, but on the fact that alcohol attacks the highest nerve centres first and that even a small quantity impairs the finer faculties of judgment, self criticism and self control, thus throwing the weight of its influence against the custom of moderate drinking.

The world of business is coming to see that efficiency depends largely on a man's having full control of all his faculties and, consciously or otherwise, they are giving their support to the idea of Total Abstinence, while the economic waste of the traffic is becoming more and more apparent. And the age of rapid transportation and high-powered machinery has no place for those whose judgment is impaired or whose faculties are even partially paralyzed.

During the last quarter of a century Governments have been impelled to assume responsibility for the individual and to institute social services not dreamed of before, thus entailing a heavy financial burden, and the undoubted connection between Drink and Crime, Poverty, Accident, Feeble-mindedness, Delinquency, Disease and many other Social questions demanding public attention and public funds is gradually forcing itself upon the mind of those dealing with them. The world is slow to learn, but the weight of evidence is such that it must eventually be accepted. Yes, we are in the line of human progress and therefore on the road to victory. **THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC MUST GO.**

We have indulged in a backward glance and reviewed a bit of history, we have briefly noted the present status of the question, and now, what of the future? Granted that our outlook upon the future is influenced by our experiences of the past, we still exclaim: It is full of hope, but hope that can be realized, not by pious wishes or idle dreams, but only by consecrated effort that gives the best of which we are capable, effort directed along sane but definite lines of work, not spasmodic, but patient, persistent and continued. Do you catch the vision? Then answer, Here am I, Lord, send me.

From the beginning one of the watchwords of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been EDUCATE, so we are quite in line with the traditions of the past as well as abreast of present day thought, for that is essentially a watchword of the present. As if to meet the present need the National Union is this year launching an Educational Campaign that will reach from Coast to Coast. For the present it will follow along lines similar to the Messenger Competition of last year, and the Sunday Schools will be asked to introduce the lessons and charts from "Temperance and Life" into their classes, the W. C. T. U. offering prizes for the best papers written at the conclusion of the series. This plan met with such a wonderful reception last year, and there was such a demand for a continuation of some such work, that we have decided to use practically the same lessons this year and hope to be able to reach more schools than ever. In order to carry out the scheme with any great degree of success it will be necessary to have the prompt and hearty co-operation of every Unit, Provincial, District and Local, so we trust that none will fail us, and then the work will be creditable to everybody concerned.

One result of Education must inevitably be the formation of an intelligent sentiment in favor of Total Abstinence. Of course we are looking forward to improved legislation at a date not far distant, but we are firmly convinced that legislation can be effective only as it is supported by a strong body of Total Abstinence sentiment. That there is much of this sentiment in our Province is an undisputed fact, but we believe the time is ripe for mobilizing this sentiment, and we are recommending to this Convention that the Provincial W. C. T. U. assume as their Anniversary Project the organization of a great campaign extending to every corner of the Province to register the Total Abstinence sentiment of the adult population in every community. It may seem a tremendous undertaking, but it can be done if everyone will help just a little. The details of the plan will have to be worked out at this Convention but, roughly speaking, they are as follows:

A representative of the Campaign will go into the community, will meet the people and secure the appointment of a "key woman," or secretary, who will have oversight of local operations. Then there will be as many Captains

of Ten as may be deemed necessary, each one of whom will have ten "Workers." These Workers will each try to secure ten signatures to the pledge and report to their Captain within ten days, or as soon after as possible. The persons signing the pledge are men and women and young people of eighteen years or over. The idea is, not to form any new organization, and not, primarily, to secure new members for our W. C. T. U. We do not even propose to set up a permanent committee, nor is there any membership fee attached. The thought is as we have said: to mobilize our forces and find just what our strength is, and we call upon every woman who is interested in the welfare of her home and country, whether she happens to be a member of our organization or not, to help in the undertaking. But especially do we crave the enthusiastic support of our own women. We are well able to go up to possess the land if we only have the vision, and surely this is a worthwhile contribution for us to make as our Anniversary Effort to the cause of Total Abstinence in our beloved Province.

While this is to be our special effort, we will not neglect our regular lines of work. During this Convention the Superintendents of the various Departments will set forth the merits and possibilities of the particular line of work over which they have supervision, and each will try to indicate what relation her department may have to the great central problem that confronts us, so I shall not encroach upon their territory, but I must express the hope that our women will catch a vision that will enable them to see in these departments, not some device thrust upon us which we are supposed to follow mechanically and report indifferently, but a splendid opportunity for presenting temperance truth in all of its varied aspects under the direction of those who are, or should be, experts in their special line of approach. Particularly, would we stress those departments that have to do with the children and, if we might be permitted to single out any one from so many important lines, let me ask you to give attention to World Peace.

I have one announcement that gives me peculiar pleasure to pass on to you. In 1931 Canada is to be honored by having the World's W. C. T. U. Convention meet within our borders, as it has been definitely decided to hold the Convention of that year in the City of Toronto. We trust that many of us can begin now to make our plans for that event, for we cannot afford to miss the inspiration of such a gathering.

And now, as we stand on the threshold of the future and catch a glimpse of the glorious future awaiting our coming, we reverently pray, not for tasks equal to our powers but for powers equal to our tasks, and praying, we remember that we follow a leader who assures us that "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." Dear women, can we not step fearlessly out on the promises of

God? This is His work; we are His children. He is depending on us to lead on in the fight against that which threatens to destroy so many of His children whom He loves and for whom Christ died. Can we do other than throw ourselves with abandon into the work that is before us, depending on Him day by day for the wisdom, the courage, the patience and the love that we need, thus hastening the day of final victory.

LOUISE C. MCKINNEY.

THE FIRST SEED IN OUR HISTORY

There is always a very deep interest in looking back to the beginnings of a great movement—in recalling the sowing of the first tiny seed that contained within itself the germ of a living and growing tree.

In Hillsbon, Ohio, December 23rd, 1873, came that wonderful Christmas gift to the world—"The Woman's Temperance Crusade," and that humble gathering was the first link in the chain of circumstances that led to the foundation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in America. It was the awakening of the women of the country to a knowledge of the enormity of the liquor traffic and to a consciousness of their own ability to work for its overthrow. This consciousness, after the crusade had passed away, took concrete form in an organization. The call was sent forth from Chautauqua, New York, in August, 1874.

The Convention was held in the Second Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, Ohio, in November of that year. At that Convention the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized. The first Plan of Work was presented by Miss Frances E. Willard, and is notable as embodying much that she afterwards worked out in the W. C. T. U. It was at this Convention that Miss Willard offered the famous resolution: "Resolved, That, recognizing the fact that our cause is, and will be, combatted by mighty, determined and relentless forces, we will, trusting in Him who is the Prince of Peace, meet argument with argument, misjudgment with patience, denunciation with kindness, and all our difficulties and dangers with prayer."

And now we come to our own beloved Canada. I heard a speaker say the word Canada spelt "C" for courage, "N" for newness, "D" for determination, and all the "A's" for action: A very good motto to be carried out by all our women. While Canada cannot boast of as many noted women as the United States, there were many faithful earnest workers in the early days of the Unions. The most outstanding was Mrs. Letitia Youmans, called the "Deborah" of the Dominions, who at great sacrifice of

physical strength organized the W. C. T. U. in every province in Canada. It was at Chautauqua in 1874 that she, too, caught the spirit of these meetings, and came home full of zeal and enthusiasm. She set to work at once, and organized a Union in her own home town of Picton, Ontario. How little she guessed the growth to which that tiny seed would attain!

In 1877 she became first Provincial President of Ontario, and in 1885 the first President of the Dominion Organization. Like Frances Willard, Mrs. Youmans came of noble Christian ancestry, was a powerful, eloquent, and logical speaker. An old record tells us that in 1886 Mrs. Youmans travelled West as far as Alberta, organizing Morley and Calgary in the territory of Alberta and Regina in Assiniboia.

The Dominion W. C. T. U. was formed in 1885 and almost immediately their attention was directed towards the North West Territories. Provincial Unions had already been established in British Columbia and Manitoba, but between them lay that vast unorganized territory into which many settlers were already being attracted. During the month of September, 1886, Mrs. Youmans visited the West, going as far as Morley, organizing Unions at Morley, Calgary and Regina. On this trip Mrs. Youmans appointed Mrs. Andrews, of Qu'Appelle, as Superintendent of the North West Territories. In 1887 Mrs. Andrews visited all the towns on the Canadian Pacific Railway as far West as Calgary, organizing Unions at Qu'Appelle, Wolseley and Broadview. Moose Jaw was organized in 1889, Edmonton in 1892. In 1894 Miss Lillian Phelps visited the West, organizing at Moosomin, Maple Creek, Innisfail, Red Deer, Macleod, Lethbridge and Pincher Creek. Edmonton Victoria was organized in 1897 by Mrs. C. A. R. Macdonald. The Superintendent tried to visit the Unions once a year, but the isolation caused by our great distances and lack of facilities for communication, together with the fact that the population was constantly changing and leaders and workers were continually moving elsewhere, made it very difficult to maintain permanent organization, and I believe the Unions in Edmonton were the only ones that never lapsed. The work continued with varying degrees of success for several years, till in 1903 there came to reside in the West a tried and true worker from Compton, Quebec, when the late Mrs. S. J. Craig moved with her husband and family to Olds, Alberta. She was at once charged with the oversight of the work, and during her first year she visited all the important towns on all the lines of railway then in operation in the Territories. She found twelve Unions already in existence and succeeded in organizing eight more and called a Convention to meet in Calgary, October 5 and 6, 1904, for the purpose of organizing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the North West Territories. This was done with Mrs. Craig as first President.

When the Territories were formed into Provinces the

following year, the provincial organization changed its name to the Provincial W. C. T. U. of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and so it remained until 1912, when it was felt that the work had grown to such proportions that it could be much better done by two separate provincial organizations.

Thus the Alberta Provincial Union is this year celebrating its Silver Anniversary, and is in reality twenty-five years old.

As I mentioned before, Mrs. S. J. Craig, of Olds, was the first President. The following tribute from one who knew her best will be read with interest: "She came to the West just at a time when she was most needed. Other women before her had done good work, but immigration to the Territories had fully set in, new towns were springing up everywhere with their opportunities for our organization, and the few scattered Unions needed to be brought together. Her receptive intelligence and retentive memory, and above all her remarkable conscientiousness and devotion to duty, made her exactly suitable for the post she filled. In the Summer of 1904 she spent eleven weeks afield, travelling thousands of miles and visiting practically all the towns on every line of railway then operating between Manitoba and the Rocky Mountains. She visited all the old Unions, twelve in number, and organized eight new ones, and with her happy faculty of making friends and leading people to see as she saw, she was able to arrange for a convention to be held in Calgary in October of the same year, where the W. C. T. U. of the North West Territories was formed. Mrs. Craig held the position of President until failing health caused her to resign in 1908. In that year Mrs. L. C. McKinney, of Claresholm, was elected as her successor, and from that time to the present, a period of twenty-one years, Mrs. McKinney has acted continuously as our beloved leader.

It is difficult to record the activities of an organization such as ours with any degree of accuracy, as so much of its work is of necessity foundational and educational in character and never becomes a matter of public record, and in practically all of the movements which it sponsors it is associated with other organizations to whom in all fairness belongs a share of the credit for anything that may have been accomplished.

In 1904 we began with 20 Unions having a total membership of 308 in the combined territories. Fourteen of these Unions were represented at the first Convention.

Very early in our history we adopted the policy of keeping an organizer in the field for several months each year, with the result that in 1912 there were in the two Provinces 95 Unions with a total membership of 15442, and 37 children's organizations with a membership of 1437. With such rapidly increasing responsibility it was felt that the work could be done more successfully with two separate Provincial Organizations, so accordingly in this year the work was divided and Alberta and Saskatchewan

have since that time been operating as separate Provincial Unions.

As to the work done, we have ever kept in mind the object of our organization as outlined in our constitution, which is as follows: "The object of this organization shall be to meet together for prayer and conference, to educate public sentiment to the standard of total abstinence, to train the young, save the inebriate, to secure the complete extinction of the liquor traffic and to enter into any Christian work to which the Lord may call." We have carried on a broad program of education among our own people and have given our support to every movement that seemed to contribute to the uplift of the home life and child life of the nation.

Before we were organized Provincially considerable work had been done in the line of seeking to have Hygiene and scientific Temperance included as a mandatory subject in our school curriculum, and this we have followed up most intensively, with the result that we now have a very satisfactory outline in our Public School course, though it is not yet taught in our High Schools. To encourage this branch of study the Provincial Union offers each year substantial prizes for the best essays written by the pupils in the various grades of public and high schools, and hundreds of essays are written every year.

Franchise for Women is another line in which we were pioneers and one to which we gave much time and attention. While it must be granted that the W. C. T. U. was a leader in the movement, yet in the final stages just as effective work was done by other organizations.

Ours was the first organization in the Province to definitely declare for Provincial Prohibition, and we contributed no small share to the campaign of 1914 which resulted in our Prohibitory Law, as well as to the subsequent campaigns in connection with later votes on the question.

We met the reverses caused by the diversion of the energies of our people to the interests of the Great War, and while our women gave of their time and resources to the services attendant on war time activities, and we were unable to make any advance by way of organization or membership, yet we were able to hold our own during those trying years though the progress since has not been rapid.

We have witnessed and welcomed the birth of other Women's Organizations—the Y. W. C. A., the National Council of Women, the Women's Institutes and the United Farm Women, and while it has meant the diversion of the activities of our women into other channels and sometimes the absorption of what might be called some of our most popular lines of work, yet it has left us free to address ourselves more intensively to those lines of effort which are more specifically the sphere of a Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

We very early accepted the challenge presented by the

presence of so many foreign-born persons in our midst, and have realized our responsibility in bringing to them higher ideals of citizenship and up-to-date knowledge as to the nature of alcohol and the danger of their social drinking customs. For ten years we have supported a worker in the Ukrainian Colony east of Edmonton. At first we experimented with a Social Centre under the management of an English speaking teacher, but latterly we have kept in the colony a man of their own nationality who gives his entire time to the work of disseminating temperance teaching and advancing the interests of higher citizenship. This is our great Home Missionary effort.

Thus the tide in the affairs of the work of the W. C. T. U. in this province has flowed steadily on, sometimes gaining and sometimes receding, but in it all we have the satisfaction of knowing that in this Province of Alberta, of which we are justly proud, the foundations have been well and truly laid.

Honorary Presidents have been: Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea, Mrs. C. G. Craig, Mrs. Nellie McClung.

There are five distinct Unions in the province: Edmonton, Central Alberta, Stettler, Calgary, Southern Alberta. The motto of the W. C. T. U. is "For God and Home and Canada." The late Frances E. Willard said, "Were I asked to define in a sentence the thought and purpose of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, I would reply: 'It is to make the world more homelike.'" Woman today has the same ideal to make the world more homelike, and while woman's advent into political life will not revolutionize society, yet it is believed that the problems of the future will be better solved because men and women will stand together and will apply their united powers of heart and brain to public questions.

The W. C. T. U. of Alberta is composed of 46 Unions, with a total membership of 1,533 (according to last year's report), and has 24 different departments of work.

Time does not permit me to enumerate them, but consecrated, loyal workers head every department and so the work grows steadily.

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;

We all have work to do, have loads to lift.

Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift."

Among the outstanding events, the W. C. T. U. rejoices that a glorious victory was won in the interests of Prohibition in the passage of the Liquor Act in 1915 with a majority of 58,295, and on July 1st the following year the Act came into force, but was not of long duration, though long enough for us to realize what a great benefit prohibition of the liquor traffic is to any Province.

The Moderation League, which came into existence in 1919 for the avowed purpose of effecting the repeal of our Prohibitory Laws, did its deadly work, and we find ourselves now under Government Control, or Gov-

ernment sale, which is in reality all that it is. In our opinion Government Control fails to control. To quote from our President's address for 1927:

"We reaffirm our belief in the principle of Prohibition, and our strong conviction that Prohibition is the best method yet tried for solving the drink problem. We believe that Government sale is wrong in principle and disastrous in practice."

One outstanding event in our history was the return of our beloved leader in the 1917 Provincial Election. Mrs. McKinney was elected to the Legislature, the first woman in the British Empire to be accorded this political recognition. Long may she reign.

Now, in closing, let us all bear this in mind: that the W. C. T. U. has a long and busy future before it. May we indeed endeavour, as taught by her who "though dead, yet speaketh," to meet argument with argument, misjudgment with patience, denunciation with kindness, and all our difficulties and dangers with prayer. Inspired, surely, must have been not only the framer of our Declaration of Principles, but also the choosers of our hodge, our motto and our name. Like the apostles of old, perhaps, the founders of the W. C. T. U. builded better than they knew. It has been impossible to give more than the merest outline in this sketch of our history, covering 25 years, or a quarter of a century of time. Our lines are being depleted, and one by one our faithful workers are passing on to the Great Beyond, their lives well spent in the service of humanity. Of them it can be truly said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Name of Union—	Active Members	Increase	Decrease	Hon. Members	Lost by Removal	Lost by Death	Regular Meetings	Executive Meetings	Special Meetings	Dep'ts.	Fees	Budget	Money Raised
Lethbridge Central	33	4	0	1	1		10	1		9	Yes	Yes	\$232.18
Lethbridge Willard	22	2	1	4			10	3		9	Yes	Yes	155.39
Medicine Hat	35		44	2	1		10	2		11	Yes	No	125.77
Macleod	18	4		3			10	1	1	9	Yes	Yes	66.81
Banff	10	1		9			9	1		3	Yes	No	33.45
Calgary Central	31	6		4	3		5	2		5	Yes	Yes	162.24
Calgary West End	133			16		2	10	2	5	12	Yes	Yes	411.84
Calgary East End	29			10	3		10	3	2	12	Yes	Yes	109.60
Calgary North Hill	15	2									Yes	In part	
Calgary Hillhurst	68		6	27	4	1	6	11	5		Yes	No	243.45
Cay.ey	17		3	6			8	2	1	1	Yes	Yes	74.7 ^c
Clareholm	90		16	14	9	2	10	1	2	9	Yes	Yes	348.50
Clareholm "Y"	16	5			4		6	2	3		Yes	In part	
Granum	16		2	10	2		10				Yes	Yes	85.55
High River	30	21	9	15	9		10	2	3		Yes	Yes	70.09
Nanton	56	9	9				9	3	1	8	Yes	Yes	324.62
Parkland	17		1		3	1	7		4	7	Yes	Yes	80.90
Okotoks	28	2		4		1	11	2		8	Yes	Yes	103.70
Bruce	16	8		1	1		8			5	Yes	Yes	34.70
Edmonton Central	86		32	4	4	4	10	6	1	10	Yes	Yes	405.50
Edmonton Victoria	176	34		40	4	3	10	7	2	12	Yes	Yes	663.17
Booker T. Washington	16	2		3			10	2	3	9	Yes	7.00	63.00

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Greenshields	9	1	2	9	5	Yes	Yes	37.73
Lamont	56	15	7	12	2	Yes	No	165.91
Lavoy	20	6	1	10	1	Yes	Yes	123.82
Mannville	20					Yes	Yes	
Ryley	10	3	3	6	6	Yes	Yes	
Vermilion	22			10	7	Yes	Not quite	55.80
Viking	20	2	2	10	10	Yes	Yes	279.50
Wainwright	6			9	1	Yes	Yes	9.45
Youngstown								
Castor								
Consort	14	3		9	1	Yes	Yes	83.95
Clive	17			4	9	Yes	Yes	47.30
Donalds	14	2	1	10	5	Yes	Lacking	5.20 35.40
Red Willow	10		3	9	1	Yes	Yes	45.35
Stettler	62	10	8	5	9	Yes	No	208.83
Bawlf	34	3	2	11	4	Yes	Yes	164.88
Bashaw								
Didsbury	40	20	7	11	13	Yes	Yes	371.64
Innisfail	20	3	4	9	1	Yes	Yes	84.86
Jutland	9	1		5	16	Yes	Yes	
Killiam								
Leslieville	21	1	2	10	6	Yes	Yes	180.72
Olds	29	5	2	12	6	Yes	Yes	149.59
Red Deer	34	10	3	11	1	Yes	Yes	161.41
Sedgewick	14			9	4	Yes	Yes	70.65
Wetaskiwin	14		1	9	10	Yes	Yes	87.18

43 Unions reported.

Total active members, 1448.

Total honorary members, 253.

Total number of meetings: 319 regular; 82 executive; 66 special.

Money raised, \$6207.35.

Financial Statement of Unions 1929

Southern District

Union—	Paid Up?	Budget	Cash Dues	W. R. T.	Willard Members
Lethbridge Central	Yes	\$49.30	\$	\$19.00	\$ 2.11
Lethbridge Willard	Yes	37.79	9.20	11.50	2.11
Macleod	Yes	22.80	6.40		
Medicine Hat	—				1.30

Calgary District

Banff	—		4.40	5.50	
Calgary Central	Yes	47.50	12.40	16.50	2.50
Calgary East End	Yes	41.80	11.20	14.00	
Calgary Hillhurst	Yes	25.00	17.20	18.00	5.00
Calgary North Hill	—	20.00			
Calgary West End	—	86.80	55.20	28.00	12.00
Cayley	Yes	38.00	4.40		2.40
Clareholm	Yes	201.40	36.00	36.50	9.00
Granum	Yes	47.50	6.80	8.50	
High River	Yes	41.30	8.00	8.50	
Nanton	Yes	108.30	22.40	21.50	4.10
Okotoks	Yes	36.80	11.20	14.00	
Parkland	Yes	39.90	6.80	10.50	3.10

Stettler District

Clive	Yes	25.00	2.80	8.00	
Consort	Yes	25.00			1.60
Donalda	—	16.80	4.40		
Red Willow	Yes	26.65	4.00	5.00	
Stettler	Yes	72.05	25.60	32.00	4.00

Central District

Bawlf	Yes	66.50	13.60	16.50	
Didsbury	Yes	84.00		30.00	3.70
Innisfail	Yes	36.10	6.40	10.00	2.00
Jutland	Yes	25.00	3.60	4.50	
Lethbridge	Yes	39.90	8.00	10.00	
Olds	Yes	32.45	11.60	15.50	2.50
Red Deer	Yes	83.60	13.60	17.00	2.00
Sedgewick	Yes	22.65	6.40		
Wetaskiwin	Yes	32.30	6.00	7.50	2.00

Edmonton District

Bruce	—	4.70	6.80	10.50	1.75
Edmonton Central	Yes	224.20	34.40	40.50	3.00
Edmonton Victoria	Yes	286.90	69.20	81.00	8.00
Booker T. Washington ..	—	7.00	5.60	5.00	
Greenshields	Yes	17.10	3.60		
Lamont	—	80.15	22.40		
Lavoy	Yes	28.50	8.00	10.00	
Mannville	Yes	39.25	8.00	9.00	
Ryley	Yes	17.00	4.00	4.00	
Vermilion	Yes	17.50	7.60		
Viking	Yes	48.05	8.40		
Wainwright	—	2.25	2.40		

Hanna District

Youngstown				3.50	
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Y.'s

Union	Prov. Dues	Budget	Willard Members
Didsbury	\$7.60	\$	
Claresholm	6.40		

L. T. L.'s

Booker T. Washington	1.20		
Parkland	1.44	10.00	.71
High River	1.25	8.25	
Lacombe	1.20	3.50	
L thbridge Willard	1.04		
Queen Alexandra	2.04		

MARY POOLE, Provincial Treasurer.

Financial Statement, 1929

RECEIPTS

Budget—

Unions	\$2204.70	\$
L. T. L.'s	8.17	520.17
Dues—		
Unions	498.00	
“Y’s”	14.00	
L. T. L.'t	8.17	520.17
Willard Memorial—		
Unions	76.17	
L. T. L.'s71	76.88
Calgary District Life Membership.....		25.00
Life Membership Pins		28.00
Doubling L. T. L. membership, from National W. C. T. U.		10.00
Donation, Miss Tait		1.00
Youmans' dues		19.50
Wright members, from Messenger		1.50
Miss Giles' collection, 92.87 - 68.27		24.60
National Education campaign		160.00
World Life Membership		101.32
Total		\$3194.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing—

E. N. Dowson, Plan of Work	6.00	
E. N. Dowson, 900 Reports	384.40	
Medicine Hat, stationery	41.80	
Pioneer Press, clip sheets	32.83	
Claresholm Press, pledge cards	4.50	
Claresholm Press, other printing	6.25	
Litho Print, essay contest rules	5.65	481.43
Life Membership Pins		42.00
Star pins		37.00
Youmans' W. R. T.		9.50
Mrs. A. E. Cook, expenses to National Convention, Ottawa		150.00
Ukranian Board Meetings, November and March: President, 13.65; Treas- urer, 2.75		16.40
Organizing, Stettler District, President		15.00
Expenses to National Council of Women, President		6.96
Affiliation Fee to National Council of Women, to end 1929		9.00
Miss Giles' expenses		80.17
World Temperance Sun Letter		83.62
National Education campaign, to date....		160.00
Corresponding Secretary, compiling Re-		

port, 25.00; postage on Reports 15.00	40.00	
Corresponding Secretary, general postage 6.00; postage on stationery, 5.06	11.06	
Treasurer, typing, typing paper and carbon	11.50	
Money Orders and Exchange	11.84	
Postage and post-cards	13.50	
Recording Secretary, postage	2.00	
World Life membership	100.00	
Cardboard daisies	5.39	
N. Lopushinsky, 11 months' salary	1100.00	
Mrs. Hyslop's travelling expenses	30.00	
Messenger essay prizes	37.00	
Mid-year Executive	87.50	
Superintendents' expenses to date:		
Mrs. Freeze, salary to October, 1929	75.00	
Mrs. Ross, postage and attending Ukrainian Board	5.50	
Mrs. Parke, expenses to 1928 convention	9.50	90 00
Total		<u>\$2630.87</u>

SUMMARY

Cash receipts	\$3194.42	
Nov. 1, 1928, balance on hand	1321.16	
Interest	24.20	4539.78
Total Disbursements		<u>2630.87</u>
Sept. 18, 1929, balance on hand		<u>\$1908.91</u>

Convention Statement, 1929

RECEIPTS

Stettler, Budget	\$ 64.75	
Stettler, Little White Ribboners	.50	\$ 65.25
Olds, Budget		22.65
Calgary Hillhurst, Budget	61.00	
Calgary Hillhurst, Provincial dues	10.00	71.00
Medicine Hat, Provincial dues		14.00
Didsbury, Provincial dues	16.00	
Didsbury, Budget	30.00	46.00
Riley, Budget		8.00
Sedgewick, Budget		3.95
Lethbridge Central, Budget	14.00	
Lethbridge Central, Provincial dues	13.60	27.60
Lethbridge "Y", Provincial dues	4.00	
Lethbridge "Y", Budget	1.00	
Claresholm, Budget		1.90

Claresholm "Y" Budget	10.00	
Claresholm "Y", Willard Memorial	4.00	14.00
Vermilion, Budget		11.00
Life Membership pins		8.00
Posters		2.00
Evening meetings		73.65
Donation, World Membership		1.00
National Educational Campaign		62.00
Calgary West End, World Membership ..		100.00
Donations for Clip Sheets		3.25
Youmans Members' dues		8.00
Budget, no record		5.00
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		\$553.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing:—

E. N. Dowson, Convention Calls	5.61	
Wetaskiwin Times, Financial Statement ..	6.89	
Claresholm Press, 300 Anniversary Pro-grams	40.50	
Pioneer Press, Clip Sheets	14.25	
Litho Print, 3000 Enrolment Forms.....	12.00	79.25
Youmans' W. R. T. Subs.		4.00

Convention Expenses—Officers:

President, Mrs. McKinney, postage, rail- road fare, etc.	8.60	
Vice-President, Mrs. White, railroad fare ..	7.75	
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. McArthur, postage, railroad fare, etc.	36.00	
Recording Secretary, Mrs. MacPherson, postage, railroad fare, etc.	29.00	
Treasurer, Mrs. Poole, railroad fare, etc. ..	16.50	97.85

Convention Expenses—Superintendents:

Mrs. McElroy, postage and honor roll	3.75	
Mrs. Williamson, postage and typing	3.50	
Mrs. Freeze, Literature Depositories	13.20	
Mrs. Bruce, half railroad fare	3.90	
Mrs. Sproule, half railroad fare and postage ..	10.00	
Mrs. Cook, half railroad fare and typing ribbon	8.10	
Mrs. Nix, half railroad fare and postage ..	8.00	
Mrs. Ross, half railroad fare	7.30	
Mrs. Jones, half railroad fare	4.25	
Mrs. Rowe, half railroad fare and postage ..	8.00	
Mrs. Rieber, half railroad fare and postage ..	3.20	
Mrs. Knight, half railroad fare	3.48	
Mrs. McDongall, postage	4.00	
Mrs. Cunningham, postage	1.70	
Mrs. Edwards, phones and postage, \$1.40; gasoline for itinerary, \$5.00	6.40	
Mrs. Parke, literature and postage	5.40	
Mrs. Worth, postage	1.06	

Mrs. Carson, postage	1.50	
Mrs. Gaetz, postage	2.00	98.74
Essay Prizes:—		
Grades XI and XII, Marjorie Goodbrand, Youngstown	10.00	
Grades IX and X, Alice Pinder, Macleod	10.00	
Grades VII and VIII, Jean Kempton, Cal- gary	5.00	
Grades V and VI, Patricia Crandall	5.00	30.00
Affiliation Fees—		
Canadian Council Child Welfare	3.00	
National Council of Women	3.00	
League of Nations	3.00	9.00
World Life Membership for Mrs. Dewar, by Calgary West End		100.00
Janitor, Convention Church		10.00
Postage stamps, envelopes, etc.		2.25
Flowers for Convention		1.00
Flowers for Convention		7.00
Mrs. R. S. Martin, postage and demonstra- tion expenses		10.75
Miss McKinney		5.05
National Treasurer—		
Union's Dues	137.90	
"Y's" dues	4.50	
L. T. L.'s dues	6.12	148.52
Dominion Budget		267.00
Willard Memorial		51.25
N. Lopushinsky, salary to October 29 ...		100.00
Diamond Medal and Contest expendi- tures, 33.00, 3.05		36.05
Taxi for Saskatchewan visitor		1.00
Telegram to B. C.75
Mrs. Reekie's expenses to Convention ...		41.50
Pledge-signing campaign: Mrs. MacPherson, 55.00; Mrs. Grevette, 25.00; Mrs. Hyslop, 42.00		122.00
Money Orders and Exchange		7.41
National Education Campaign		62.00
Total Disbursements		<u>\$1291.37</u>

SUMMARY

September 18, 1929—

Cash on hand	\$1908.91
Cash receipts	553.25

Total receipts	\$2462.16
Total disbursements	<u>\$1291.37</u>

October 22, 1929, balance on hand \$1170.79

MARY POOLE, Provincial Treasurer.

ORGANIZATION

The only organizer at work during the year was Miss Edith Giles, Field Secretary for the Dominion W. C. T. U., who came to us for the month of November, and again in February and March on her return trip from the Coast.

In November Miss Giles began work at Mannville and visited the Unions and some other towns in the Northern and North-Eastern parts of the province, and as far South as Calgary. On her return trip she came in by way of the Crow's Nest and visited all towns south of Calgary. She was not able to form any new organizations, but greatly helped those whom she visited and encouraged the work of Temperance in Sunday Schools and Scientific Temperance in schools.

The summary of her work is as follows: Travelled 1805 miles. Gave 113 addresses, 48 of which were in Public and High Schools and 6 in Sunday Schools. Took 10 Sunday services. The total number in her audiences was 6,350. She secured four active and 9 Young Men's Members, and the collections taken at her public meetings more than paid her travelling expenses while in the province.

Your Provincial President attended District Conventions at Medicine Hat, Lavoie, Wetaskiwin, Nanton and Stettler, and at the latter place organized the new Stettler District, comprising the Unions of Clive, Bashaw, Donald, Red Willow, Stettler, Consort, and the newly organized Union at Castor, with Mrs. Gaudin, of Stettler, as President. Besides this she visited the Unions in Edmonton, Calgary (Hillhurst), Nanton and Granum, giving a report of the World's Convention at Lausanne.

1929 Y. B. P. Report

Madam President and Co-workers:—

In submitting my report for this year, I can report from only those Unions from which I have heard.

Claresholm, as ever, is a wide-awake Union. Sixteen members are reported; this means an increase of four. Eleven meetings were held. The sum of \$20.40 was sent to our Provincial Treasurer. During the year the girls put on a Temperance Playlet, made scrap-books which were sent to the hospital, and candy was sent to the Keith Sanitarium. At one meeting all the young people of the

town were invited, a question was given to each and the answer to it returned. A study of "Sidelights from Shakespeare" was taken during the year. The officers are: President, Miss Lorna Dalglish; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Norma Sturgeon; Treasurer, Miss Audrey Thorne.

Didsbury sent in a splendid report. During the year the "Life and Work of Frances Willard" was studied. Ten meetings were held. The sum of \$15.36 was raised, and \$9.50 was sent to the Provincial Treasurer. The officers are: President, Miss Rena Honey; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Freda Moon; Treasurer, Miss Lucille Madoche. Nineteen members are reported.

Lethbridge reports a membership of ten. The sum of \$15.90 was raised. Five dollars was given to charity at Christmas. Scrap-books were made and taken to the Children's Ward at the hospital. The girls enjoyed the series of embroidery classes very much. The officers are: Miss Delany, 1274-8th Ave. S., President; Secretary, Miss Ina Misely, 1234-5th Ave. S.; Treasurer, Miss Nina Delany, 1274-8th Ave. S.

Since the President of the Riley Union passed away, they have been unable to find a leader.

This seems to be the fate of so many of our Y. P. B. Unions—the lack of a leader. I am wondering if there are some of our women who have an "inferiority complex." They feel that they are not capable of undertaking the leadership of our girls. "Grit and Goo" accomplish wonders. The first thing necessary is clearly to perceive the duty to be effected and the next thing is to do it.

Do You Realize?

The trouble I think with you all
Is the lack of high conceit,
If each man thought he was sent to this spot
To make it a bit more sweet,
Too soon we would gladden the world,
How easily right all wrong,
If nobody shirked and each one worked
To help his fellow along.
Cease wondering why you came,
Stop looking for faults and flaws,
Rise up today in your pride and say:
"I am part of the First Great Cause!"
However full the world,
Here is room for an earnest man;
It has room for me, or I would not be,
I am here to strengthen the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA LONSBERRY.

L. T. L. Report

Madam President and Co-workers:—

The work of the Loyal Temperance Legions in the province has gone back considerably during the past year, but we feel cheered to hear that many are planning to reorganize soon.

We had hoped to report two new Legions, at Delia and Stettler (S. D. 430), but Delia report shows nothing done yet, and we received no report at all from Stettler. Literature was sent both these places.

Erskine has no report on account of lack of leadership, but they expect to start again soon.

Edmonton Central, 3 of Edmonton Victoria and Didsbury have disbanded.

No report has been received from Lethbridge Central, Wainwright, Booker T. Washington and Youngstown.

Lethbridge Willard reports a profitable year: 19 members, \$1.30 raised and 10 meetings held. They had an address on "Obedience."

High River reports 50 members and \$2.50 raised.

Parkland shows 39 members and \$160.00 raised. They distributed 100 blotters, and 13 of their members wrote on the Messenger Contest.

Lamont reports two Legions. Girls' Legion, with 18 members and \$2.50 raised. There is also a Boys' Legion in Lamont, but no report was received.

Lacombe reports a profitable year, with 38 members, but only 16 paid-up memberships. 15 members wrote on the Messenger Contest, 13 passing with honors. 555 coupons were collected. A "Made in Canada" sale was held. The I. O. D. E. assisted in this sale, and the Elks gave their lodge room free. Total proceeds of sale, \$62.15.

Total money raised by Lacombe L. T. L., \$82.27. This Legion is very anxious for suggestions or new ideas for carrying on their work.

One lone Legion remains in Edmonton, Queen Alexandra, mothered by Victoria Union. They report 51 members and \$2.55 sent in.

Total Legions reporting, 7. Total membership, 215, and \$261.12.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY M. MARTIN.

Edmonton District Report

Greenshields reports a membership of nine, with nine regular meetings held, four interesting papers read. Three departments are worked. A special sale of home cooking and a silver tea given at the home of the President. Netted the Union the sum of \$22.40. Raised during the year, \$35.75. The sick were visited and flowers and fruit sent.

Lavoy reports a successful year's work, with an increase of six new members. Received much help and inspiration from the District Convention, which met in Lavoy last May. With a membership of twenty they work ten departments, and raised \$123.82. Helped the young people to finance a tennis court and skating rink. Sent \$10.00 to Mr. Hull for Social Service work. Were active during the year in Medal Contest work, specializing in that department. Suffered quite a loss in the "passing on" of Mrs. A. A. Wilson and also by the removal of another good member.

Lamont, with a membership of 56, raised during the year \$165.91; held 12 regular meetings, and worked 16 departments. Gave special attention to the Essay Contest work in the surrounding rural schools. Was successful in getting local day school to use Miss McCorkindale's charts in connection with hygiene lessons. The June meeting was conducted by the Superintendents of L. T. L. and L. W. R., the programme being provided by the children. At Christmas sent gifts to three families and also to three patients at the Alberta Sanitarium at Calgary. Honored Mrs. R. Shaw with a Dominion Life Membership for receiving the greatest number of new members in the province. Enjoyed a visit and lecture by Miss Giles. Took special interest in Northern Messenger Contest in Sunday School. Paid the provincial treasurer \$75.00 on budget.

Ryley reports a membership of 10, 8 meetings being held during the year. Conducted two silver and one gold medal contest, gave prizes to the successful contestants in the Sunday School campaign. Met Budget allocation.

Viking reports a membership of 20 active members, held 10 regular and 3 special meetings. Conducted a successful gold medal contest. Carried on the educational campaign in the Sunday Schools. Presented Mrs. W. L. Campbell (one of the charter members of the Union) with a Provincial Life Membership on her removal to Edmonton. Subscribed for the "Montreal Witness" to the local hospital and distributed 400 leaflets received from Prohibition Association during Chautauqua week. Raised \$178.55.

Mannville reports a membership of 20. Held 14 business meetings and 12 meetings for prayer. Won a glor-

ious victory over the beer parlor. Prizes were given for Essay Contests and Northern Messenger Contest, and also for prohibition posters. Conducted both a gold and silver medal contest during the year. Raised \$100.00.

Wainwright reports 6 members. Held 9 meetings and raised \$9.45. This Union ministered to the needs of a homeless sick girl by clothing her and finding a home, and are now educating her. They also report good work being done in the Sunday Schools.

Vermillion reports a membership of 22. Held 10 regular meetings, worked 9 departments, and raised \$53.80. Special attention is given to the L. W. R., 58 babies being enrolled on the membership list. This special day for L. W. R. and mothers was observed, as well as Frances Willard's day. Prizes are being offered to pupils of school for best temperance posters. Supplied Sunday Schools with Northern Messenger. Enjoyed a visit from Mr. Hull of the Prohibition Association, and the October meeting was addressed by the Rev. H. A. Boyd, pastor of the United Church.

Edmonton Booker Washington Union reports a membership of 14 active and 5 honorary members. Held 10 meetings and 2 parlor meetings. Raised \$43.85. L. T. L. work specially lively this year, owing to a visit from Mrs. R. S. Martin, Provincial Superintendent. Took part in the Northern Messenger campaign and help in all charity work among our people where needed. Addresses were given on the lives of Frances Willard and Booker Washington.

Edmonton Central Union reports a membership of 118 active and 4 honorary. Work 9 departments and raised \$285.00. Held 10 regular and 5 special meetings. Two meetings in church, where we gave the whole programme. Two books and one magazine placed in public library. Took part in Sunday School campaign and also observed Frances Willard's day. Sent resolution to School Board which was accepted re. goodwill day being observed by peace programme. Sent resolution to Sunday School Association re. presenting a banner for temperance essays, which was favorably received. Clip Sheet placed in one club and one W. M. S. Two public meetings were held, Mrs. L. C. McKinney and Dr. Dobson being the speakers. Two new life memberships and allocation reached.

Edmonton Victoria Union, with a membership of 176 active and 40 honorary, reports working 12 departments, and having raised \$640.71. Sent successful contestant of District Grand Gold Medal to the Provincial Diamond Medal Contest at Calgary. 146 took part in the essay contest and 15 prizes were given. 5 Sunday Schools took part in the Northern Messenger Contest, and 2 provincial prizes were won. Protested against magazine using picture of women smoking cigarettes as advertisement. Have set

aside \$60.00 as a nucleus for special fund to provide building on Fair grounds.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARGARET HYSLOP, District President.

District Report W. C. T. U.

Calgary District has had a very successful year; about 130 meetings were held. This does not include specials, such as parlor meetings and public meetings. Something over \$2,200.00 have been raised, and we have 500 active and 91 honorary members. 1913 coupons sent to Travelers Aid. Each Union took up the Northern Messenger contest and carried it on quite successfully.

Nanton, Cayley, North Hill, Calgary West-End, Hillhurst, have specialized in medal contest work.

Calgary West-End still has the honor of being the largest Union; have 138 active members. Hillhurst has the largest number of honorary members—26. Claresholm the largest number of L. W. Ribboners, having 80. Three picnics have been held during the summer.

High River has increased their membership from 9 to 30, making an increase of 21. They circulated a petition against a Vendor Store being opened; they have not heard the results yet. An increased interest in their meetings, using as a study book "World's New Day and Alcohol." Their L. T. L. have decreased in members, but are looking for a better time the coming year.

North Hill has increased in membership and feel their efforts have been worth while. Put on one Gold Medal Contest.

West-End reports interest and enthusiasm for temperance steadily increasing. Gave a shower to Convalescent Home, donations amounting to \$50.00; had a tent at the fair and distributed literature; sent a resolution to Ottawa, asking that "Alcohol be declared a Drug," also a resolution sent re. the "Rum-running Treaty," and received very favourable replies.

Okotoks have increased their membership. Sent 636 coupons to Travellers Aid. They made 1446 visits to sick and shut-in. They have lost a valued member by death—Mrs. Stockton. She had been their secretary for many years.

Parkland have decreased, but deserve great credit for holding together when we remember this district was so badly hit by hail last year; many were cleaned right out. They thought of disbanding, but when they thought of

the effect on their L. T. L. and L. W. Ribboners, it meant too big a sacrifice and decided to carry on; they have caught the vision.

Cayley had a very successful medal contest, and conducted the contest in the N. Messenger through their Sunday School, 15 writing. They have organized an L. W. Ribboner branch.

Granum have shown greater interest in their meetings. They held a very successful birthday tea, at which Mrs. McKinney cut the birthday cake. They gave prizes to the winners in the Northern Messenger Contest.

Calgary East-End reports a successful year. Two medal contests were held; made one life member; has five outstanding talks by special speakers; sent resolution to Ottawa, also to Premier Brownlee, re. the "Rum-running Treaty." They have also increased their membership from 22 to 29. This Union combined with Hillhurst in putting on a Daffodil Tea at the home of Mrs. McClung. Miss Giles spoke at this meeting.

Hillhurst have had two thousand and eighty-nine lines of press notices on the press besides many splendid head lines. 24 Sunday evening programmes after church have been arranged at the local Soldier Hospital. Conducted two medal contests; sent telegram to Ottawa re "Rum-running; held rummage sale and made \$60.00; sent 628 coupons to Travellers Aid and made 500 violets for tag day.

Nanton: 56 active and 16 honorary members. 56 L. W. R. Sent 645 coupons to Travellers' Aid; conducted a very successful trip around the world, realizing \$116.00; made one life member; gave a banquet to our honorary members at which a splendid address was given by Rev. Mr. Barlow, Anglican minister, on the evil effect of alcohol in mission work. Mrs. McKinney gave us a splendid talk on her trip to Lausanne. Supplied 300 "Peace" blotters to be distributed to school children; give ten minutes on current events finding this very helpful. Miss Giles' visit was much appreciated by the young people. We gave three prizes to each class in Northern Messenger Contest.

Calgary Central have 31 members. On account of illness, have been somewhat handicapped. Made one life member to a member who has been active for 20 years, and has moved away to Toronto. A telegram was sent to Ottawa in relation to the "Rum-running."

Claresholm have a reduced membership this year—90 active members. They raised nearly all their money by voluntary givings. Gave \$12.00 in prizes to Northern Messenger Contestants. 16 papers were handed in. In their Essay Contest only Grade VIII took part; but the whole class wrote essays, 34 in number, and two prizes were awarded. Mrs. McKinney gave a report of the World's Convention in Lausanne. They had an exhibit in one of

their store windows for two days and considered this a very fine bit of educational work, used printed programmes, held their annual picnic for the children and their parents. Miss Giles and the District President were guests at their Willard Memorial Day. Met budget in full.

Claresholm "Y" have very interesting supper meetings at the home of their leader, Mrs. McKinney. They have 20 members. Their study book is "Sidelights from Shakespeare." They sent 16 scrap books to General Hospital and 20 pounds of home-made candy to Keith Sanitarium.

Parkland: L. T. L. have held 16 meetings with an average attendance of 19. They have 13 new members; their total membership 39; 3 moved away. Have sent 173 coupons to Travellers' Aid; distributed 100 blotters in school; 13 wrote in Messenger Contest; they have Temperance News called for at each meeting; this calls for quite a discussion sometimes. We won the District Banner for largest increase in membership in the District the last two years. Our L. T. L. sang at the District Convention and the District made our Superintendent a Provincial Life Member, of which we were very proud.

ANNIE E. WHITE, District President.

Central Alberta District W. C. T. U. Report

The past year marks the division of the Central Alberta district, with Stettler as a new branch, while we retain our old name. Our Unions are: Bawlf, Didsbury, Jutland, Innisfail, Leslieville, Olds, Red Deer, Sedgewick, Westcott, and Wetaskiwin, Killam having disbanded.

Bawlf has 34 members. Proceeds of tea and sale, \$85.60; total receipts, \$164.68. Voted for 2 life-memberships, Mrs. O. H. Anderson and Mrs. Wetterberg.

Didsbury has 40 members, 7 honorary; 10 L. W. R.'s. Reorganized the Y. P. B. with an enrollment of 16 members, all of whom are high school girls, with only 4 of last year's members left; the others have passed on to Normal to train for teachers. Held 8 prayer meetings. Entertained the last provincial convention. Enjoyed Miss Giles' visit. Take 60 W. R. T's. Group leaders and prepared programmes have proven a success. Arranged to have Mrs. Grevett speak at 3 meetings to 6 W. I's. 136 homes received the Northern Messenger; donated \$12.00 in prizes for the contest. Food sale made \$35.00, dinner at fair \$136.00; total receipts \$371.60. Donated \$10.00 to Social Service and \$10.00 to Dominion Educational Cam-

paign.

Lacombe has an L. T. L. of 14 members, mothered by Mrs. M. E. Todd.

Jutland has 9 members; held 5 meetings. Ordered 38 Northern Messengers and chart. Specialized in potted plants, Christmas cheers, and delicacies for the sick.

Olds has a Devotional Superintendent, who gives Bible readings or articles from religious books, both interesting and profitable. Roll call is responded to by current events re. temperance. After provincial convention have a parlor meeting in the evening with a good programme and report by delegates. Have an annual food sale in September; when all ladies of the town are asked to contribute. Gave away clothing to the value of \$20.00 and sent magazines to families in outlying country places.

Red Deer raised \$153.12. Gave \$10.00 to Provincial Association. Had a medical doctor address the Grade VIII girls on "The effect of cigarette smoking on the growing girl." Had a medical doctor address the ladies at a parlor meeting on "The place of alcohol in medicines." Out of three Sunday Schools writing in the N. Messenger contest, one of the pupils won the first junior prize for the province.

The popular play, "Right About Face," was an attractive feature of the district convention also at two rural churches and for a second time in Red Deer.

Wetaskiwin has 14 active and 4 honorary members; sent \$10.00 to Prohibition Association. Held Frances Willard meeting addressed by Rev. P. C. Wade on "The League of Nations." Held 42 cottage prayer meetings. Placed six sets of McCorkindale charts in city and rural schools. Held essay contest in four grades. Use the space allotted in Wetaskiwin Times every two weeks. Provided literature for Good-Will Day in schools. Presented a dominion life-membership and pin to their president.

Innisfail had Miss Giles over a weekend. She spoke to a class in the high school and 12 out of 16 signed the pledge. She addressed two Sunday Schools and took the pulpit at Bowden United Church in the evening. Put on a shower of food and clothing for needy families, valued at \$42.75. Helped with prizes in the N. Messenger contest in two Sunday Schools. Put on membership drive for the League of Nations and got 47 members. Supplied the public and high schools with literature, posters and blotters for good-will day. Our Superintendent of L. W. R's. reports 12 members.

The President of Killam Union was taken ill, and the Union gradually died.

Leslieville prevented a beer parlor. Out of 261 votes, 135 were dry, 76 wet; dry majority 109. Also specialized

in relief work and started a circulating library.

Sedgewick attendance has fallen off. Awarded 3 prizes in the N. M. contest; had 13 write. Held Mothers' Meeting and specialized in the F. F. D. department.

Jutland has nine members. Interest is being renewed. Presented their oldest member with a plant on her 69th birthday, and have made her a life member. Distributed 38 N. Messengers and 50 Searchlights.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY C. EDWARDS, District President.

Report of the Stettler District

Stettler District is the sixth and youngest child of our Provincial W. C. T. U., and came into existence April 27, 1929, with six Unions enrolled. Immediately after our District Convention, our Provincial President went to Castor and effected an organization, but up to date they have called no meetings, and the President has resigned, and so far, I have been held back in every attempt to get the Union functioning, but here's hoping for great things in the coming year.

Bashaw: No report.

Red Willow reports ten active and three honorary members; one L. T. L. with twelve members (Wild Rose School). In two Sunday Schools eight entered the Northern Messenger Contest, held three medal contests, two junior and one senior. One was given at Stettler the evening of the District Convention, the other two at a public meeting at Red Willow. Their Union held twelve meetings during the year, two public lectures, and sale of home cooking. Paid \$26.65 on budget. Budget paid. Had a special speaker from the W. C. T. U. in their Sunday School on World's Temperance Sunday.

Donalda reports fourteen active and two honorary members. Number of meetings held, 13: Ten regular, two executive and one special. Number of departments worked, 5. Lost by removal, 1. Amount raised, \$35.40. Held Northern Messenger Contest. The President of Stettler Union gave an address at a parlor tea, and addressed the junior grades at the public school.

Clive held four meetings during the year, as the President was away for the winter. Average attendance, 13. Number of active members 7, with 20 or more enrolled for the coming year. The Union works nine departments, held two sales of home cooking, raised \$47.30, and met the Budget. Their Union is helping canvass the

town regarding the prospects of taking a Local Option vote. The President of the Union is the District Superintendent for Sunday School work, and they have a Superintendent from their Union to canvass the different Sunday Schools regarding Scientific Temperance instruction.

Consort: A recently re-organized Union, small in numbers and mighty in accomplishment under the very able leadership of Mrs. Clara Holmes, untiring and energetic President. During the year thirteen meetings were held, nine regular, two public, one special, and one executive. Number of members active,..... Honorary..... Six Departments were worked, S. T. L., S. S. work, Press and Literature, Legislation and Petition, Travellers' Aid, F. F. D. The Union conducted the Northern Messenger Contest in Consort Sunday School, paying for 25 copies for ten weeks. Also induced Veteran Sunday School to enter the contest, and 17 papers were sent from the latter, and nine from Consort, while 34 took the course. 7 out of the 9 were awarded prizes by the Union, \$5.00 in all. Miss McCorkindale's charts were taken in their Sunday School by a different teacher or older pupil each time. Owing to the co-operation of the school teachers, all pupils in Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 entered the Provincial Essay Contest, about fifty in all. Four of the best essays were forwarded to Mrs. Parke, one being written by a Chinese boy.

The Press Superintendent, wife of a Prohibition Editor, has a great scope and is assisted by her husband at all points. The Union assisted in, and prepared, the program for a fine Good Will Day in the school, when the Hon. George Johnston spoke on the League of Nations. At one public meeting District Convention reports were given, prize essays read, and prizes given. The other was on a Sunday evening, when the District President was the speaker, and also addressed their Sunday School in the morning. The Union, besides raising their Budget, made their President a Life Member. Total receipts, \$83.95. For Budget, \$25.00. Other purposes, \$26.26. Balance on hand, \$32.69. Consort Union lost a loving, faithful member in Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes, a saintly mother.

Stettler: And, of course, Stettler Union is dear to me, the child of my heart, and I have mothered it for seven years as President, and today, with Mrs. McRae as our able President, my heart is right there still. It would be hard to tell just what were the most important things undertaken and carried through during the year. Our Daisy Chain Membership Campaign was a success once more as evidenced by the number of Daisies. One member secured thirty active and twenty honorary members. Number of active members' fees sent in, 53. Number paid up, 65. Number of honorary members, 33. Youmans members secured, 5; L. W. Ribboners 17. Also we have a junior and senior L. T. L. at Erskine under the able leadership of Mrs. Horsfall. Number of meetings held, 22: 5 regular, 2 special, 5 parlor teas, 1 picnic for mothers,

and L. W. R. (58 present); public meetings, 5; executive 4. Our public meetings and parlor teas, with outstanding programmes, are member-gainers. Held a Hallowe'en tea with Provincial Convention reports in October. Three public meetings in Erskine, Botha and Stettler, which were addressed by Miss Giles in November. In December, two meetings, one for the filling of 28 Christmas boxes under the F. F. & D. department, and delivered Christmas eve; the other, a parlor tea and Christmas program, at which was given Mrs. McClung's 'When Christmas crossed the Peace.' The Frances Willard Tea was held in February. In April, our Union entertained the District Convention, when the new Stettler District was formed, comprising six Unions. A very fine evening's program was given consisting of musical numbers, a Junior Medal contest by Red Willow contestants, and a masterly address by Provincial President. In May a 'Peace and Arbitration' program and parlor tea was held at a country member's house. Five of that family are members. In June a combination Mothers' meeting with program, and L. W. Ribboner's picnic. On September 27th our most successful venture for the year, a "Patriotic Concert" and "Boost our Budget" tea in the home of the District President. Over 80 were present. Proceeds \$50.45, and the Budget was met in full. Our Union adopted the sacrifice bag system this year, also with good results. Two contests were undertaken. The Northern Messenger with ten pupils writing, one ranking third in provincial prizes; and the Essay Contests in Public and High Schools. We wrote to 25 schools, interesting them and sending free literature. There was a fine response. We expended \$11.25 for prizes, \$6.25 for literature, and \$2.00 for postage. We had a Current Events Committee, also our Travellers' Aid Superintendent reported over 300 coupons sent. Our F. F. and D. Superintendent, 79 years young, reports 47 sick and newcomer, calls with cheer to the sick. 28 Christmas boxes, food, bedding and clothing to needy, valued at \$58.00. Our Press Superintendent had able write-ups of all events with notices and posters preceding each event, and pulpit notices in four of our churches each time. Write-ups of fourteen interesting events appeared during the year. Our Union is the only one having a L. W. Ribboners' band in our District with a membership of 17. The culminating event of our year's work is the making our President a Life Member and presenting her with a pin. Loss by death, 2; by removal, 7. 4 unpaid; 3 paid. Two slogans I would leave with our district for 1929-30: "She who works shall win." "A quitter never wins, and a winner never quits."

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE A. GAUDIN.

Southern Alberta District

REPORT OF MACLEOD W. C. T. U.

This Union has 18 members. All members get the Tidings. Have held ten regular meetings, one executive and one special meeting. Take up Sunday School work. Twelve pupils wrote. Eight won honor certificates. Only two failed and by only four marks. Take up scientific temperance with Essay Contest. Have Little White Ribboners. Raised during the year, \$56.81. Have paid our full Budget.

REPORT OF LETHBRIDGE CENTRAL W. C. T. U.

September 1st, 1928, to September 1st, 1929.

Central Union has a membership of 33, an increase of 3. Ten meetings have been held, the average attendance being 13. All meetings are opened with devotional exercises. These are followed by the business meeting, which in turn gives way to the educational half hour, and finally comes the social half hour when refreshments are served. Delegates were sent to the District and Provincial Conventions. 38 W. R. Tidings were subscribed for. We are members of the League of Nations Society, and are affiliated with the Local Council of Women. We gave \$14.00 in prizes in the Northern Messenger Contest. Only 26 papers were written in Lethbridge. Our "Y" has ten members and is doing well under the able leadership of Mrs. Lonsberry. Our L. W. R. Department has an increase of four babies. One meeting for mothers was held. The total amount raised was \$232.18.

REPORT OF WILLARD UNION, Lethbridge, Alberta

October 1st, 1928, to September 1st, 1929.

10 regular monthly meetings held. 4 executive meetings held. 1 parlor meeting. 22 members in good standing; 2 new members, making a total of 24. Honorary members, 5. Our meetings are always well attended. A programme is prepared at the beginning of the year, a topic for each meeting by an outside speaker, and a two-minute talk by several members on different departments of work. Quite a lot of interest was taken in the Northern Messenger Contest, and the results were quite gratifying. 9 departments of work taken up. \$2. 00 per month is paid the Travellers' Aid. Our Budget has been met in full. Our money was raised by systematic giving and special collections and also coupons. Raised \$110.49; Quaker Oats \$46.70, making a total of \$157.19. During Miss Giles' visit in March she addressed an overflow meeting of C. G. I. T. groups. Cake and ice cream were served the girls by Central and Willard W. C. T. U. The L. T. L. has started its fall work..

REPORT OF MEDICINE HAT UNION

Members, 35. Decrease, 44. Regular meetings, 10. Executive, 2. Amount raised, \$125.77. Special work, Sunday School.

MRS. A. McILVENA, District President.

Evangelistic Report

Madam President and Christian Workers:—

One-quarter of a century has passed, and, looking back over the twenty-five years, we realize God has been our leader. The success of the church today is due to the foundation upon which it was built, namely, Jesus Christ. So, too, this organization has been built upon this rock, and with God as our great Commander we have advanced in this sphere of work.

Many who have labored with us have been translated, and are now receiving the Heavenly reward that is promised to all who are faithful unto death. Those of us who are left have a great opportunity for future work. We cannot cease our effort, but we must buckle on the armor closer, for we wrestle against principalities and powers and the rulers of darkness, and against spiritual wickedness in the high places. We need our loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God as found in Ephs. 6, for only with this equipment dare we face the future for greater possibilities and help win the world for Christ.

It is very necessary to carry this Department into the new quarter-century now opening before us, for without the word of God and without prayer all other departments would fail. Jesus said, without me ye can do nothing. We need God to lead and to direct us in this great battle against evil now existing; and with Him as our leader we shall go forth as did our early Crusaders. We have battles to fight and victories to win.

The work in this department is marked by the splendid reports from the Local Unions. The following reports were received upon special request. Those who report of opening their meetings with devotional exercises are Parkland, Olds, Mannville, Banff, Greenshields, Cayley, Edmonton Booker Washington, Okotoks, Lethbridge Central, Lethbridge Willard, Clive, Jutland, and Youngstown. Those who report some outstanding events aside of their devotional period at regular meetings:

Bruce have observed the Day of Prayer. Special prayer was offered in behalf of our Dominion President, as requested in the W. R. T., and also for a genuine revival of pure and undefiled religion throughout our land.

Consort has made a study of Fosdick's "The Meaning of Prayer," and found it most helpful. The members are being reminded of the noontide prayer.

Calgary North Hill are endeavoring to remember the

noontide hour of prayer.

Calgary West End strongly stresses the prayer life. Special requests for subjects of prayer have been made. Executive meetings as well as all others are opened with prayer. The noontide prayer is also being remembered.

Calgary Hillhurst opens all executive meetings with prayer. Have distributed over 100 gospels of St. John, which were donated by the Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute to Belcher Hospital. Also 50 copies of the Christian Herald song books donated by the publishers for the use at the informal services held at the Belcher Hospital Sunday evenings.

Didshury have a superintendent and an assistant for this department, who have charge of all devotional periods. Have held 8 prayer meetings, which have been very helpful, especially to those who do not attend any other prayer meeting; and there God's promise has been proven, that where two or three are gathered in His name, there He will be to bless. Three churches observed World's Temperance Sunday, and one other sermon was preached on temperance.

Edmonton Victoria Union have a Superintendent who takes charge of all devotional exercises. Once a year they meet with the W. M. S. of Knox and Metropolitan and hold a united spiritual meeting. Frances Willard Day was observed in a spiritual manner.

Edmonton Central have a splendid leader who never fails to have good devotional exercises at all meetings. The Day of Prayer has been observed.

Granum Union is favored in having a Pastor who spares no effort or time to assist in the work.

Medicine Hat observed the Day of Prayer, also had one special meeting for prayer.

Nanton is privileged in having a change of leader for each devotional period, also have special subjects of prayer. The Day of Prayer was observed, a paper on prayer was given, and a goodly number of members led in prayer. This department reminds the members of the noontide hour of prayer. The Superintendent desires that all members pledge to offer prayer for each meeting before going that God's guiding spirit may be manifested throughout.

Ryley have observed the Day of Prayer.

Red Deer have made a special study on different characters of the Bible, also from the little book, "The Greatest Thing in the World," by Drummond, another subject on patience, one on women's place in religion, and another on peace. All members participate in this department. This is very good.

Viking have stressed the noontide and Day of Prayer.

Wetaskiwin Union held 40 cottage prayer meetings with an average attendance of ten persons present. These meetings have been carried on for 12 years and have always had the hearty co-operation of the ministers of the city. The aged and shut-ins are privileged of having these meetings in their homes, and are being remembered with a special treat on their birthday. All are being spiritually helped.

Lamont report having a Superintendent who has charge of devotional exercises at all meetings. One meeting of each year is entirely devoted to this department, and the members are being reminded of the noontide hour of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. M. REIBER, Evangelistic Superintendent.

Sunday School Work

Dear Co-workers:—

I am very thankful to be able to say that progress has been made in my department since we started our work for God and Home and Alberta twenty-five years ago.

Until a very few years ago the quarterly temperance lesson was considered all that was needed for educational work in the Sunday Schools.

Today many Sunday Schools have superintendents for temperance, with a place in the program once in two months or even once a month for this work.

The new nation-wide venture carried on last winter with the aid of the Northern Messenger, in which was printed Miss McCorkindale's valuable lessons and charts on scientific temperance, amply proved to us that great things can be accomplished if our faith and willingness to work are only commensurate with our opportunities.

A similar, and we hope a much larger, campaign is to be undertaken this year. Will we not all hope to make it a success?

The following Unions reported good work:

Bruce Sunday School gave the contest lessons from ten to twenty minutes each Sunday and ten took part in the competition.

Consort Union paid for twenty-five copies of the Messenger and gave \$5.00 in prizes. They also influenced Veteran Sunday School to enter the contest.

Clive has a live Superintendent of Sunday School work, and sees to it that all the Sunday School scholars

have a chance to sign the pledge.

Donalda took up the Messenger contest and plans to put on a little play this fall.

Didsbury reports three Sunday Schools taking part in the Messenger contest. They gave \$12.00 in prizes and influenced two rural Sunday Schools to enter the contest. Calgary Hillhurst provided \$6.00 for prizes.

Edmonton Central received contest papers from five Sunday Schools and contributed \$7.00 toward prizes. Several of the schools gave prizes also. McDougall Sunday School has temperance on the program once in two months. Wesley had a talk on cigarettes by Mr. Marks in June. Janet Maclellan of First Presbyterian won third junior from Provincial. Booker T. Washington L. T. L. sent in some good papers and gave local prizes.

Edmonton Victoria reports good work done and much interest in the Messenger contest. Metropolitan Sunday School gave \$12.00 in prizes. It has temperance on the program once in two months.

The Baptist Sunday School has a temperance lesson once a month from their own publication. They entered the contest, giving local prizes.

Knox United were very happy that two of their 17 contestants received provincial prizes. They were Julia Gue, senior 2nd, and Winnie Tait, junior 2nd.

Innisfail had 16 compete in two Sunday Schools and gave 9 prizes. Temperance instruction is regularly given.

Lethbridge had three schools take up the contest work, 26 papers being written. The two Unions gave \$24.00 in prizes.

Macleod had twelve contestants in the Messenger contest.

Medicine Hat reports six schools competing in the competition, one senior, Varley Mulligan, receiving first provincial prize.

Nanton Union supplied 80 copies of the Messenger and gave \$7.00 in prizes. Most of their scholars have signed the pledge.

Olids reports a live Sunday School Superintendent, and the contest was taken up and prizes given.

Red Deer had three Sunday Schools taking part in the contest, one of their juniors, Joy Russell, receiving first prize from the Provincial.

Wetaskiwin had Miss McCorkindale's charts taught in one Sunday School and temperance lessons taught to one class of boys.

Ryley had two Sunday Schools competing in the recent contest with twenty-two competitors. They gave

local prizes.

Stettler reports five schools entering the contest. They gave local prizes. One of their contestants, Molly Marshall, received third senior prize from the Provincial.

Viking had sixteen contestants. Their pastor gives a monthly temperance talk in the Sunday School.

Youngstown reported one Sunday School taking part in the contest.

This report doesn't cover one-half the good work done during the past year, but we have faith to believe much more will be accomplished this new year.

We will gladly, thankfully, enter the door of opportunity afforded by our Sunday Schools in our fight against the great destroyer that is in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA L. NIX.

S. T. I. Report

Essays have come to me this year from thirteen locals: Parkland, Stettler, Edmonton Central, Wetaskiwin, Youngstown, Claresholm, Macleod, Consort, Beverly, Donalda, Calgary, Sedgewick, Edmonton Victoria. The entire number written in the province, as reported to me, is smaller than I had hoped for; but the two Federated Unions of Edmonton and Calgary, which would probably have yielded the largest numbers of all, have not determined how many were written in their respective cities. Returns from these might increase our file by several hundred; probably would. In spite of the smaller number than was desired, there is evidence of much good work being done along Scientific Temperance lines. But not near enough. Oh, women, we stand at the gateway of a new quarter century, and the key to enter this one of God's portals is education turned by the hand of Faith in the Eternal Goodness. In the early part of the past quarter century, when the W. C. T. U. local organizations in the Northwest Territories were very few and far, far between, people were making fast time driving horses, and the means of persuasion regarding any reform movement were not as advanced as the conditions of today require. But now, in this age of science, in this day of accelerated speed, of motor cars, aeroplanes and radios, when messages flash around the world in a minute, and distance is shortened to infinitesimal space—why, nothing but real information will affect the world in regard to the temperance movement. Real progress can only be accomplished by impressing the knowledge that science gives us home to the hearts and brains of the people—the know-

ledge of the character and effect of alcoholics on individuals, on nations, on transportation, on business. Oh, it's a big problem we have on our hands. Nothing but education will be effective in solving it. Press on, women. You have done well. Much, much, should yet be done. The thirteen Unions mentioned above have shown splendid results. Public readings of their prize essays, enthusiastic co-operation of parents and teachers, and the excellent character of the essays that came in to this department indicate effective work. Our local prize was won by a little Chinese boy. The McCorkindale charts are being widely used, but not enough so. You would all realize this if you could but read the letters some of the young people themselves write me.

Regarding the Northern Messenger Contest, I rejoice whole-heartedly that so many did respond and such great results came from it. But it is a little regrettable that such numbers felt it was a specific substitute for the essay contest. Even if the two did overlap somewhat, there is no danger of these lines of work being overdone. When we view the vast number of young people consuming cigarettes all about us, the increased sales of liquor under our present law, the many interdicts,—all these and many other similar facts flourishing with existing conditions,—we had better do our utmost to spread far and wide the seeds of knowledge. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Ours is the responsibility; ours the great opportunity. Never in the age of man has education been so effective a weapon as now; never so needed to stamp the world with worth-while achievements. If we would that humanity reap a golden fruitage, let us all try how much information re. the arch-enemy, alcohol, we can broadcast during the next twenty-five years. The Liquor Traffic, that powerful organization of evil, would rejoicingly inundate the people of this and every other land if we would allow it. Shall we stand idly by while this stupendous current sweeps downstream and, shrugging our shoulders, say, "I can't help it." Or shall we, even you and I, get in sympathetic touch with our local teachers and ask them to hand over to us a composition from each pupil in Grades V to VIII, inclusive, which shall contain some of the facts taught regarding alcohol and tobacco as required by the curriculum. This one point is the alphabet of this department; and the results shall be the language of which an unabridged dictionary is the medium. Practically every one of us can get this done if we keep trying.

We belong to the W. C. T. U.

We
Can
Try
Unfailingly.

Very earnestly,

NANCY O. PARKE.

Reports on Social Hygiene

Viking reports one meeting on Social Hygiene. "We always make an extra fight in this department of our work."

Bruce: At annual Mothers' Meeting in June the President gave a talk on Social Purity, and Rev. Mr. McPherson spoke on Social Hygiene.

Lamont: At Mothers' Meeting in September Mrs. Harrison gave an informing paper on "Child Welfare as sponsored by the League of Nations."

Innisfail: One meeting, addressed by Capt. Archerton. Leaflets on manners and root beer distributed.

Mannville: One meeting, at which several papers were read on Social Hygiene.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA CASSELS.

Parlor Meeting Report

Olds reports having held three parlor meetings, and having gained a few new members.

Banff held one parlor meeting and secured two honorary members.

Mannville: One parlor meeting with very good programme and good attendance.

Parkland: Two parlor meetings, at one of which Miss Giles was present.

Youngstown: "At the close of each meeting we spend a social hour during which tea is served."

Report on Canadianization

Madam President and Co-workers:—

With gratitude to you all for your financial and moral support in this important department, I again submit my annual report.

From forty-eight requests for a report, I received twenty. Only one reported no work in this department. Several have no department, but they all have a meeting once a year or in some way bring this work before their Union. A Union at Consort reported a gathering where they had

a W. M. S. worker from Kolakreeka address them on Mr. Lopushinsky's work. The report states that she spoke very highly of his work, and the information coming from some one outside of our W. M. S. U., was very encouraging to them.

Wetaskiwin reports kindness shown to newcomers by their president. Ryley also reports meeting the newcomers and making them welcome. Nanton has had the subject of Canadianization before them several times during the year and much interest was shown. Edmonton Central also were on the look-out for all articles on the Canadianization problem and read them.

Almost all the other Unions who reported mentioned the reading of my annual letter at one Canadianization meeting.

I regret not being able to send you quarterly reports during the year, but circumstances made it impossible.

Mr. Lopushinsky has been carrying on his work along the same lines. He reports fine meetings with an attendance of one hundred, others 90, 60, 75, and several of the 25 and 30 size.

Let us pray that the good seed sown will bring forth an abundant harvest, and let us not forget to show a kindness to all newcomers to our land. Some one has said, "The more we feel the Divine, the more we become truly human." May we all partake of more of the Divine.

We all must realize what an advancement this department has made in its work in 25 years. Just to have someone actively engaged in teaching temperance where none of the rest of us can work means a great deal.

However, owing to certain months being too busy for very effective work, your Canadianization Board recommend that for this coming year our worker be engaged for only 9 months, the time to be determined by your Board, and that approximately \$100.00 of the amount thus released be spent in equipment, slides, posters, literature, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE B. ROSS.

Little White Ribboners

Madam President, Sister White Ribboners:—

We much regret our inability to present a fully detailed report of our department this year. However, we are happy and most profoundly thankful to state that this is not due to any lack of interest in the work, but the unavoidable result of a very commendable change in administration.

As most of you know, the District meetings this year

appointed Superintendents to be responsible for the urging of the importance of this department in the Unions of her own particular District. Some of these appointees were away on long vacations and considerable time elapsed before they were even aware of their appointment. All of them (with but one exception, whom we are sorry to learn could not accept the office), are intensely interested and eagerly seeking information re. the details of the work.

Early in the year all the Unions in the Province were communicated with directly by letters with questionnaire enclosed. Of these, Lamont still leads in point of members, with Mrs. Swan as their leader.

Nanton, Parkland, Edmonton Central, Booker-Washington, are all very active.

Stettler reports a most enjoyable picnic, and after meeting all expenses a cash balance handed over to treasurer.

Claresholm reports a large gathering of mothers and babies at a most enjoyable picnic.

Hillhurst had a very fine meeting of mothers, friends, and 18 L. W. Rs., with three trained nurses in attendance, each of whom spoke briefly on different phases of the effects of alcohol on parents (fathers and mothers) as well as their offspring. Refreshments were served from a prettily decorated table, after which they were photographed.

Increase in numbers is reported by: Lethbridge Central, Cayley, Jutland, Nanton, Bruce, Hillhurst, Calgary (East), Parkland, Claresholm, Viking, Vermilion. The last two have an increase of ten and twenty respectively.

The Province has now 5 Districts, as we welcome at this convention the newly organized Stettler District; we have reports from only two of the older of the five districts. Edmonton, seven Unions working the department with an enrollment of 164, Calgary District with six Unions, 170 on the roll, the other three districts, Central, Southern Alberta, and Stettler with their newly appointed officers (I should say Superintendents), but we still look forward to the day when our department will be recognized as a branch of equal importance with our L. T. L. and their leaders given the same rank and place on the Executive.

All our five Districts are to make a determined effort to have in every Union a L. W. R.'s department, and enroll all our precious babyhood under the protecting folds of our fair White Ribbon Banner, constantly seeking, by right education, right training, right living and example, the attainment of our gloriously worth-while objective: "A race freed from the taste, taint and power of alcohol."

Respectfully submitted,

MILLICENT McELROY.

N.B.—Do not hesitate to write and ask for information regarding this Department.

Report of Flowers, Fruits and Delicacies

Calgary Central Union reports having sent flowers to sick members; a book, pencil and loving remembrances to two members.

Parkland Union reported not working the Flowers, Fruit and Delicacies department, but sent a wreath to the funeral of a member.

Okotoks Union sent fruit to sick members, and made 146 visits to members ill and shut in.

Nanton Union reported having made 16 calls; sent magazines to different places; 1 potted plant, jelly and delicacies to sick. Sent cut flowers to Calgary and Rochester, Minn., to a member sick there and who is still in the hospital.

Viking Union reported visiting the sick in hospital and home; sending fruit, jellies, ice cream, flowers and potted plants to members ill.

Greenshields Union reported a large number sick during the year. Each case was visited by the committee, also fruit and flowers sent, which was greatly appreciated by all.

Ryley Union has been active in giving flowers, fruit, etc., to unfortunate people, also have placed bouquets in the church every Sunday.

Mannville Union sent flowers and fruit to sick in the hospital, wreaths to funerals, Christmas cheer to motherless family

Lethbridge Central Union reported having sent flowers to sick members and friends, also made ten calls on sick.

Willard Union, Lethbridge, visited the sick in homes and hospital, also sent flowers and fruit.

Medicine Hat Union sent 5 potted plants, several jellies, and made many visits to the sick members.

Olds Union reported having sent \$20.00 to needy families, magazines and illustrated papers far out in the country, where reading matter is scarce and highly prized; also delicacies to the sick and shut-ins.

Innisfail Union reported giving \$42.00 worth of food and clothing to needy family; fruit and flowers to sick members.

Stettler Union reported \$16.00 worth of goods given to a needy mother; 28 boxes of Christmas cheer distributed. Funerals attended. Sympathy extended to bereaved families. Flowers and fruit taken to members and others ill in the hospital. Six calls made by Superintendent, over 75 years of age also, and ten calls by Vice-President.

\$10.75 worth of clothing distributed to needy. Donations of clothing, bedding, etc., to families, valued at \$31.25. Calls made on sick, and jellies, flowers, cooking, sent to sick and shut-ins.

Consort Union reported having made 15 visits to the local hospital and several private homes. Hospital patients are largely from country points and visits are highly appreciated. They provided jelly, oranges and flowers for distribution, using the text cards with the same.

Didsbury Union reported 224 visits, 109 delicacies and 64 bouquets to the sick.

Wetaskiwin Union reported 1 large Christmas box of fresh and preserved fruit and cereals, several plants, bouquets, custards, light meals, sent to sick and needy. Visits to hospital and homes of sick and aged. Literature given at home to Ponoka mills, prairie points, etc. A family of immigrants received and kept for a time, provided with bread and necessities for their new home.

Red Deer Union reported having sent two funeral wreaths and flowers to the hospital and the sick. Sent cards to the aged at Christmastime. Several visits to the sick and shut-ins, also the hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. IDA WORTH.

Travellers' Aid Report

Madam President and Co-workers:—

This year 48 letters were written asking the Superintendents of Travellers' Aid work to report the work accomplished in this department, and 28 replies were received.

Bruce: 300 coupons collected.

Consort: Coronation has been asked to work in co-operation with Consort because of the train service and a private home is to be found, if possible, where girls and women may stay who have to stop-over there.

Clive: Advise young girls to look for the Travellers' Aid representative at city depots, endeavor to meet strangers in community, gather coupons and help wherever possible.

Calgary East End collects coupons and shows a real interest in the work.

Calgary Hillhurst: 628 coupons collected.

Banff: Collected coupons.

Didsbury: Several Institutes and teachers have been asked to co-operate in the distribution of literature and

collecting of coupons. Remind our members quite often of this good work. 837 coupons collected.

Edmonton Booker T. Washington: 250 coupons collected, and Superintendent ready to serve whenever needed.

Edmonton Central: 923 coupons and \$5.00 contributed.

Edmonton Victoria: Contributed 934 coupons.

High River: Three strangers were aided in settling in the community.

Jutland has collected 260 coupons.

Lamont: Twelve new families were visited.

Lavoy: Coupons collected and ready to serve.

Lethbridge Central: \$60.00 contributed toward this work by means of coupons.

Medicine Hat donate \$60.00 per year to this work, raising the money by having a tag day.

Mannville: Ready for service. One girl looked after, and 200 leaflets distributed.

Nanton: Three new arrivals were reported to headquarters, and one who had gone astray was located.

Olds: 179 coupons sent. Literature distributed. Received about 30 letters regarding new arrivals and visited newcomers.

Okotoks: 636 coupons collected.

Parkland: Distributed leaflets.

Red Deer: Meets trains frequently. Assisted some to locate friends and others to find suitable lodging. A young girl entertained when changing trains and placed in the care of a trustworthy woman for the remainder of her journey. Another was found employment. An undesirable person was called to the attention of the police. Coupons. 302. A paper was given on the subject, "Are we watchful and prayerful enough regarding our young people?"

Stettler: About 300 coupons collected. More interest is being shown in this department, no doubt due to the short talks at meetings outlining this work.

Wetaskiwin: 15 letters were written on Travellers' Aid follow-up work. A family from overseas were entertained and given gifts. Provided a home for a woman and her child during the critical illness of her husband. Found home for school girls and employment for some. A mother and child were kept for two weeks until she found comfortable rooms to live in. Three children were placed in home while mother worked, and six new families were called on to try and link them up with the churches.

Riley: 130 coupons sent.

Some regret that they could not report great things, and others have not a Superintendent of Travellers' Aid. This is really too bad, for even when a Union is far from town it would be fine to have a Superintendent who would

visit any new families coming into the neighborhood, advise young girls and women who are about to leave regarding the T. A. representative in the city stations, who will gladly give them advice and help.

There is also the collecting of coupons, and if your neighbors know about it they will be sure to help you. It is the few coupons from here and from there, added together, make a great many, and that means cash for our work. We may not be able to do great things, but we can all be faithful in the little things and ever be on the alert to make life's pathway a safe place for the feet of our young people.

To do this, the protection afforded by our T. A. representatives is absolutely necessary, and what a comfort for the mother to know her daughter is being watched over and advised by a good woman.

Travellers' Aid is essentially a protective measure, based upon the principle of prevention, so if your Union has not yet linked up with this organized agency, do so in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA CUNNINGHAM.

Medical Temperance

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:—

Late in the year I sent out fifty letters with suggestions for report and received 24 replies, which were as follows:

Banff had one lecture from a Docor and hope for better things next year.

Bruce Union is interested and have a meeting planned for the near future.

Calgary West End sends in a splendid report. They have a real qualified Superintendent who addressed several meetings during the year on the harmfulness of alcohol as medicine, and kept this department well to the fore. Have used the press to good advantage in getting the facts before the public.

Clive have been hending all their efforts towards getting rid of a beer parlor.

Claresholm "Y" put on a playlet entitled "Dr. Scattergood's Clinic," which emphasized the importance of medical temperance.

Edmonton District reports some work done in the way of discussions in the different Unions. Central Union had one address from a nurse.

Greenshields had one meeting devoted to Medical Temperance, at which a couple of good papers were given on alcohol as medicine and the harmfulness of patent medicine.

Innisfail did not take up any regular study, but had one

lecture by a Doctor's wife, formerly a nurse.

Mannville had several clippings read at different meetings during the year.

Nanton reports that Medical Temperance is a live question with them.

Okotoks studied Cora Soddart's book this year, and fortunately have a pastor who never loses an opportunity to point out the harmfulness of alcohol in any shape or form.

Red Deer sends a very fine report. They gave a play entitled "Right About Face" twice in country places and once in Red Deer to large audiences. This is good work. Our whole aim in this department should be to get the facts before the public—the voters. And if we can do it in an entertaining way, so much the better. It is like taking castor oil in a glass of orange juice. It has the same effect, and is much pleasanter to take.

Viking: Reference has been made to the work many times during the year.

Youngstown reports one lesson from Miss McCorkindale's chart on the work of the white corpuscles and how they are hindered by the presence of alcohol in the system.

Wetaskiwin had a playlet put on by the Red Deer Y, which was helpful.

Now, dear sisters, if you are not able to work the Department of Medical Temperance as a separate department, you could at least distribute some literature in your community that will get the truth about the nature of alcohol and its harmfulness as a medicine before the public.

Our Medical Temperance literature abounds with statistics which go to prove that brandy is being discarded as a medicine by our greatest doctors, and less of it is being used every year by the largest hospitals of our land.

We can never expect to have prohibition as long as the majority of our people think they must have alcohol for medicine. We may sometimes grow weary with the task but if we have this knowledge we owe it to our fellow man to pass it along.

Then let us resolve that during this year, at the gateway of a new quarter-century, we will do some real constructive work along this line in our different communities. We must be in earnest if our work would be effective.

I wish to thank all the Unions for their kind expressions of sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE M. JONES.

Medal Contest

Madam President and Co-workers:—

We come to our twenty-fifth anniversary with faith renewed, hope strengthened and efforts encouraged. We note with gratitude that there have been more contests held this past year than ever before. I feel that some worth-while work has been done in this department.

It becomes increasingly difficult to interest the young people. There are so many attractive diversions to draw their attention and their time is too filled to take part in or come out to contests.

The only solution seems to be to bring this material before them through some avenue in which they are already interested. If we could get each Union to secure a good leader, whether she is a member or not, to work up children for a contest. Once the interest is started it would be easily kept up.

The following Unions held contests: Nanton, 2 Silver (also sent a contestant to the Grand Gold contest in Calgary and two to the District Convention); Edmonton District, 2 Gold and 1 Grand Gold; Red Willow, 1 Silver and 2 Junior No. 2; Mannville, 1 Silver; Youngstown, 1 Silver, East End, Calgary, No. 4 Junior 1, No. 5 Junior 2; Viking, 1 Silver, 1 Gold; North Hill, Calgary, 1 gold; Ryley, 1 Gold; Hillhurst, 1 Silver, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior 2; Calgary District, 1 Grand Gold; West End, Calgary, 1 Gold and 1 Grand Gold; Stavely, 1 Silver, and at the last Provincial a Gold Medal Contest was held, making a grand total of 33 Contests.

Report of Press Department

Madam President:—

I find the department of the press more and more necessary. I am glad to report many Unions are finding this medium a success. Also an increased number are reporting items to W. R. Tidings. Nanton, High River, Okotoks, Banff, Calgary Central, Didsbury, Olds, Viking and Red Deer Unions are all using the press to announce meetings. Edmonton Victoria reports 815 lines sent to press; East Calgary report an average of 21 lines a month sent in to press. The Superintendent of this work spoke over the radio during the year, her subject being, "The Relationship of Child Welfare to Medical Temperance." Consort Union has supplied 200 blotters to schools for Good-Will day. Have supplied 6 schools with "McCorkindale Charts," also posted a dozen posters in school, entitled "Forty-two Million Dollars Spent in Liquor in Four Years."

Stettler has had splendid write-ups and notices of 14

meetings in the press. Meetings announced from pulpits, and posters re. special meetings, and the Superintendent says, "We are of the same opinion as the liquor traffic, and for once we agree, it pays to advertise." A small poem passed to us is a good specimen of press publicity article.

Parkland Union and L. T. L. report a very special year's work. Have had full press notices of medal contest, and other forms of work published. Innisfail Union is alive to necessary publicity.

In 1914 we find a convention held in our city, and its result was a complete chain of Unions across the Continent. The Calgary Central Union at that time was publishing a paper called "Calgary Observer," Mrs. P. S. Woodhall being the Editor.

In a recent issue of the McLean's Magazine there was an article taken from the Hanna Herald (April) entitled "On a Par with Narcotics," which I hope you have all read. It deals with the demoralizing influence on Canadian character by American papers and periodicals. It goes on to say alcohol is banned from the United States. The sale of narcotic drugs is prohibited, but the menace to Canada from the importation of a certain type of American Magazine could not be more real if either of the above were to be dispensed without restriction. Canada and the States have been discussing the sinking of the rum-running ship, "I'm Alone." This schooner caused widespread interest but are we to allow a situation more important to Canada than the sinking of a schooner to continue without official attention?

Youngstown: The newspaper of the town has been used extensively every month, and good publicity has been given.

Respectfully submitted,

LETITIA CARSON.

Systematic Giving

Madame President and Co-workers:--

As the name "Systematic Giving" is not found in the 1904 list, we conclude that this department is young, and we feel sure there is yet ample room for growth and development. However, much of the seed sown in childhood is bearing fruit, sixteen Unions report raising their funds in this way, and all are unanimous in declaring it to be the most satisfactory method. Our President has suggested that reasons be given why our departments of work should be carried over into the new quarter century now opening before us. The following are some of the reasons why I think Systematic Giving should be retained: First,

because it is the Biblical method of giving. We are instructed to give cheerfully, proportionately and systematically, not of our surplus, but of all we receive. Second, it is educative. If we invest a definite sum in a growing enterprise, we naturally make close investigation, watch development, and expect results. Third, it is profitable. The funds would be very noticeably augmented, and I think last minute sales to meet the deficit in our budget would be avoided, while the giver herself would receive the promised spiritual blessing.

I think I am correct in saying that never before has the need of money in our temperance work been more urgent, not even when our mothers knelt in the saloons praying that the great curse be removed. Now that the agitation for national prohibition is growing strong, the call comes to every W. C. T. U. worker to do her best to assist in providing the necessary means for this great campaign that victory may be ours.

MRS. JEAN C. BRUCE.

Lumber Camps and Mines Report

Madam President and Co-workers:--

In reply to my letter to the different Unions, the following have reported work done:

Innisfail sent 298 magazines to the mining camp at Nordegg.

Calgary, West End, sent two large boxes of magazines and newspapers to lumber camps.

High River sent literature to one of their local ranches, also to the hospital.

Olds sent reading matter to outlying districts.

Wetaskiwin sent 200 pounds of reading matter to Briton and Battle Lake mills, also a large box of literature to lumber camps. They report that it was much appreciated.

Nanton has sent parcels of reading matter to outlying districts and to families at a distance in the country.

Youngstown has a Superintendent who has distributed temperance literature among the U. F. W. A., of which she is a member.

Red Deer has a Superintendent of that department, and literature has been sent to lumber camps and outlying districts. Also temperance literature sent to a minister in a remote district.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. W. GAETZ.

W. R. Tidings Report

Ten issues have been published.

Your Alberta page has been filled in each of the issues since we last met in Provincial Convention. We are glad to report that nineteen Unions have availed themselves of this means of making their work known to the rest of the provincial workers. Several have reported twice, some three times, and one or two have sent items four times. The May issue was devoted to peace topics entirely. Your correspondent sent out a questionnaire as to number of Tidings being taken by Unions. All those Unions that replied have reported taking their full quota, but quite a large number have not been heard from. This was not an essential piece of information, but was done merely as a matter of checking up as to how we, as Unions, were responding to the dominion plan in that matter. Quite a few report sending Tidings to their honorary members,—splendid plan. In very rare cases we learned that members refused to accept their Tidings, saying they had no time to read it. Yet what other source of Dominion W. C. T. U. information have we to which to come that will give us any idea of Dominion-wide W. C. T. U. activities? If we are truly interested, we ought to read our official organ.

We are still struggling with that problem of "stale news," but are still as far from a solution as when we last reported. We had hoped to interview the Tidings Editor and business manager when in Oshawa, but regret to say that neither of these was present at any of the sessions, so we were unable to discuss this with anyone in charge. Meanwhile, we occasionally (very occasionally) receive rather severe criticism because of delayed news, but we are helpless to prevent it. If all who report would generously remember that material sent in after the fifth of any one month cannot appear until the second issue from the time of sending, this disappointment to contributors and embarrassment to your correspondent would cease. For example, October's quota of "copy" was sent to London before the 8th of September. If any material comes to me before or by October 7th or 8th, I can get it into November issue; but if it comes after those dates, it will not appear till December.

Again, if a Union sends in an article that is too long to place in the issue in preparation, we must either ruthlessly "cut to fit" (and risk a contributor's disappointment or displeasure) or we must hold it over till there is room. We are glad to be able to say that there have been very few complaints of any kind during the past year: just enough to keep us from getting too sure that all is smooth sailing. General Booth's successor, General Higgins, speaking in Edmonton, said the most dangerous period in the life of an individual or an organization was "when all

men speak well of you," so possibly that is also true of a contributing editor's task. We welcome, however, any constructive criticism, and ask only patient understanding of our unavoidable difficulties, at the same time gratefully acknowledging the splendid co-operation so far received from almost everyone of our Unions.

Needless to say, our President has been more than once a "shelter in the time of storm" and as "a rock in a weary land" when your correspondent grew a bit faint-hearted, and her unfailing kindness is most thankfully acknowledged.

Yours for better "Breezes" than ever.

GEORGIA M. COOK

Report of Legislation and Petitions

Madam President and Co-workers:--

A letter was sent to each Union and the following replies received:

Granum sent in petitions against beer parlors.

High River got up a petition of 379 names against a vendor's store and forwarded it to Edmonton.

Red Deer sent a letter to Ottawa protesting against exporting liquor to the American side, also studied "International Peace."

Viking studied "Sterilization Act."

Clive has asked the Canadian Government to have a Commission of experts appointed by the League of Nations to inquire into the question of alcoholism.

Lavoy has been urging the government to get rid of the liquor curse in the form of so-called government control, and have asked that hotel keepers have the beer parlor windows uncurtained.

Okotoks is studying "The Legal Status of Women."

Lethbridge (Willard) had a lawyer address them on laws affecting women and children.

Calgary (Hillhurst) sent a telegram to the government re. granting clearance papers for contraband liquor to U. S. A.

Edmonton (Central W. C. T. U.) has kept in close touch with the workings of the Liquor Act and all laws pertaining to women and children.

Mrs. Baird has spoken on Law Breaking and Law Making, and also spoke to Norwood Missionary Society on "Five Years Under Government Control." She urged the women to work for: (1) A better enforcement of the present liquor act; (2) Elimination of the beer parlors; (3) Abolish the granting of banquet permits.

Calgary (West End) has been very active in the Legis-

lation and Petition Department. In January a resolution regarding the rum-running was sent to Premier King, Hon. R. B. Bennett, Mr. H. B. Adshead and the Minister of Justice.

In April a resolution was sent to the Dominion Government asking that alcohol be placed in the same list as narcotics. The Hon. Mr. King, Minister of Health, suggested that the Provincial Government should take action on the question.

Replies were also received from Donalda, Nanton, Calgary (North), Calgary (Central), Calgary (East End), Parkland, Claresholm Y, Innisfail, Wetaskiwin, Youngstown and Greenshields.

Some of the Alberta Legislation passed in 1928: Alberta Women's Bureau Act; Amendment of Children of Unmarried Parents' Act of 1923; Amendment to Solemnization of Marriage Act; The Sexual Sterilization Act; An Amendment to the Domestic Relations Act of 1927; A New Act, The Intestate Succession of 1928; A New Act, The Revolution of Real Property; The Natural Resources Research Act, and Emergency Home Helpers, could all be studied with profit. We must not lose sight of the fact that as a W. C. T. U. we must study The Alberta Liquor Act and see that it is enforced as long as it is in existence. Let us hope that something better will take its place in the near future, as it does not seem to be accomplishing anything for the uplift of humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN WILLIAMSON,
Provincial Superintendent Legislation and Petitions.

Peace and Arbitration

Madam President and Co-workers:—

During the past 25 years the world has passed from blackest night in what may prove to be the dawn of brightest day. For four horrible years, from 1914 to 1918, the demon war called upon the motherhood of the world to sacrifice her sons, and millions of them were crunched in his bloody jaws. Then the glad news of the Armistice rang around the world, telling that no more victims were sought for the dragon. When men and women could muster their scattered wits, they sat down in the midst of destruction and tried to think. Where did this beast come from, they ask each other? Who raised him? How can we kill him? How can we end war? At the gateway of a new quarter century we have the answer in the Paris Pact. In this Pact we see the realization of the dreams of the seers all down the ages. War has been outlawed, no longer has it the sanction of law.

During the last few months many encouraging events

have taken place in the direction of world peace. But let us not be lulled into any false security. We rejoice that at the last session of parliament Canada ratified the signing of the Peace Pact, but we must also remember that at that very same session, parliament continued to vote half a million dollars for cadet training in our schools and increased the appropriation for Militia and Defence, so that this year the estimates for that Department, including supplementary estimates, stand at about 20 million dollars, the highest on record. Is this consistency—making preparations to do a thing which we have solemnly pledged ourselves never to do?

Contrast this with the policy of the President of Mexico, who recommended to the Congress of Mexico on its opening on the first of September that there be a gradual reduction of appropriations for the army, the money saved through this reduction in the war department to be devoted mostly to education. Mexico also has set us an excellent example in her method of teaching Scientific Temperance in the schools. Would it not be well to study and give effect to the progressive and forward looking policies of other nations with respect to the great questions of peace and temperance?

This year at each District Convention a paper on the "Kellogg Pact" was given. Over three thousand blotters bearing the 1929 message broadcast by the children of Wales, were distributed in the schools on Goodwill Day. A number of our women were using envelopes with the inscription, "Build Friendships, not Warships, for National Defence," thus gaining much valuable publicity. The Extension Department of the University, at our request, very kindly devoted the last hour of their program, May 16, to the theme of Goodwill, Dr. A. D. Miller, of St. Stephen's College, giving an address "Contributions of the Various Nations to Civilization and their Economic Interdependence." The afternoon of the same day the children's program included a peace chorus, also Goodwill messages, a little Japanese boy broadcasting the 1928 world wireless message of the children of Japan, and a boy from the Beverly School broadcasting greetings which were composed by the children in the senior grades of that school. The message was as follows: We, children of Beverly, Alberta, send greetings to the boys and girls everywhere. We think how pleasant it would be to have all nations like one big family living in this world without quarrels and wars. We hope that war will be forgotten and peace and love rule in its place.

Let us brothers and sisters be,
And settle our quarrels peaceably."

Bruce: One meeting at which several readings were given on peace topics, including "Mobilizing for Peace," "How Big Was Alexander, Pa?", peace songs, etc.

Vermilion: One meeting given to this subject. Mem-

bers urged to become better informed on this question. Goodwill blotters purchased.

Lamont: One meeting at which papers on World Peace were read and discussed, affiliated with the League of Nations Society.

Viking: Paper on Peace read at one meeting, also one entitled "Mobilizing for Peace" read at the Institute, thus reaching a larger number. Subscribe to Pax International and read from same at meetings.

Red Deer: One meeting devoted to Peace and Arbitration," with splendid program along that line, also included peace article on another program.

Donalda: One membership in League of Nations. Magazine Interdependence used in Union meetings. 200 blotters purchased for distribution on Goodwill Day, teachers being asked to discuss international relations.

Parkland: Union took charge of morning service in United Church, Conference Sunday. Papers were given on "War Dangers," also "Details of Arbitration during the year." Peace Day was stressed. L. T. L. distributed many of the Goodwill blotters, even sending some to outside schools.

Consort: Union had Goodwill Day observed in the consolidated school, Hon. Geo. Johnstone giving a talk on the "League of Nations," "How Big was Alex, Pa?" and the demonstration, "Love Ends War," given by the children. 200 Goodwill blotters were purchased.

Stettler: Peace included on program at a tea in December. Regular May meeting combined peace program with a budget tea. Committee was appointed to arrange for local observance next Goodwill Day.

Wetaskiwin: At the Frances Willard meeting in February an address was given on "The League of Nations" by the Anglican minister. Co-operated with the I. O. D. E. in having Goodwill Day observed in the school. Union helping to supply the teachers with literature and the I. O. D. E. the blotters.

Calgary East End: One evening meeting at which a talk was given on "World Peace."

Calgary North Hill: Mrs. Carson, the Superintendent of this department, has given talks at U.F.W.A., Parent-Teachers' Associations, I.O.D.E.'s, Missionary Societies, W.C.T.U., Ladies' Aid Societies, as well as two radio talks, one Armistice week and one Goodwill Day. Also assisted in preparing Goodwill program used in the schools.

Calgary West End: Union was represented on the committee which prepared program used in the city schools on Goodwill Day, and also on committee arranging radio program. Union provided 400 Goodwill blotters for distribution. Arrangements were made to have a speaker give an address to Parent-Teachers' organizations.

Successful parlor meeting with peace program, Mrs. Mc-Club being one of the speakers.

Banff: One meeting at which an address was given on "World Peace."

Granum: One meeting devoted to this department.

Lethbridge Central: Paper given on Paris Pact at May meeting. Ten dollar membership in League of Nations Society.

Innisfail: Supplied the school with literature and posters for Goodwill Day. Send items on peace to the press. Put on a drive for memberships in the League of Nations Society and secured 47.

Claresholm: In the drive for memberships in the League of Nations Society secured 61 new members and 2 renewals. Provided 300 Goodwill blotters for distribution in the school.

Nanton: Secretary gives items of interest at regular meetings. Given talks to U.F.W.A., W.M.S., Ladies' Aid, Women's Club in country, Sunday service. Goodwill Day observed in the school; purchased 350 Goodwill blotters, also had Goodwill Day observed in United Church S. S., using the exercise "Friendships or Warships for National Defence." In the drive for memberships in the League of Nations Society secured 7 new members and 2 renewals.

Edmonton Victoria: Three addresses were given on peace during the year, one of them by Mrs. Storey Barker of England. The Superintendent of this department gave a talk on peace to a mission band. 200 Goodwill blotters were distributed. 3 memberships were secured in the League of Nations Society.

Lavoy: Distributed Goodwill blotters.

Didsbury: An excellent paper on international peace has been given twice by one of the members.

Macleod: Members have used 850 Friendship envelopes. Exercise "Warships or Friendships for National Defence" in S. S., also included in Goodwill Day program in the schools. Four memberships in League of Nations Society.

Edmonton Central: The Superintendent of this department gave talks to W.C.T.U., four missionary groups and two young people's societies. A peace talk was included on the program at the Frances Willard tea. Union held a very successful Goodwill tea in May program, including items relative to Goodwill Day, Goodwill blotters being given to the guests as souvenirs. The School Board, at the request of the Union, had Goodwill Day observed in the city schools. The day was also observed in many of the United Church Sunday Schools. The Union assisted the League of Nations Society in their drive for memberships.

For the coming year let our objective be, "Our part in

making the Peace Pact a Reality." The first step will be to acquaint young and old with the simple declarations of the Pact. These are available in the form of post cards and posters. Let us strive to arrange suitable programs emphasizing peace during Armistice week in all organizations which we can reach. In the past, the W. C. T. U. has made a worthy record for itself as a pioneer, and as we advance through the gateway to the new quarter century, let us pay the debt we owe our immortal pioneer sisters, by ourselves blazing trails which those who come after us may broaden into highways of temperance, purity and peace.

Recommended for reference: Books—The Inexcusable Lie, Private Peat; All Quiet on the Western Front. Periodicals—Interdependence (monthly) \$1.00 a year, published by League of Nations Society, Ottawa; Pax International (monthly) 50c a year, Secretary Woman's International League, Women's Building, 752 Thurlow St., Vancouver, B. C. Play, Swords or Plowshares, 5c; Posters, Paris Pact, 12x18, 10c; Post Cards, Paris Pact, 1c; National Council for Prevention of War, 532-17th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

JULIA C. ROWE.

Anti-Narcotics

Madam President and Co-workers:—

Reports are quite encouraging in the department of Anti-Narcotics.

Calgary East End reports we have a wide awake Superintendent in this department. At one meeting Dr. Follett spoke on Anti-Narcotics. A resolution was passed by five Calgary Unions asking that special rooms for smokers be supplied at eating places owing to the bad effects of tobacco upon non-smokers.

Calgary North Hill reports they have done this work through Essay Contests and Temperance in Sunday Schools.

Hillhurst Union: Held one good meeting, at which Dr. Follett spoke on cigarette smoking; its effects upon women, discussion following.

Viking reports we have had articles read at our meetings on the subject of Narcotics, especially those from Clip Sheet.

Okotoks Union frequently takes up the study of Narcotics in meetings and distributes literature.

High River reports our L. T. L. Superintendent takes this subject up at the children's meetings. We also had a paper read at our monthly meeting on the White Slave

Traffic and the Drug Traffic. We have a "lend a heel" club in our L. T. L.

Wetaskiwin: Our president demonstrates the McCorkindale charts at every opportunity in Sunday Schools and country schools. The principal of the school spoke at the inspectorate teachers' convention last autumn. Spoke to a large meeting of women from different organizations at a Union meeting and to the Kiwanians on the cigarette evil. Wrote an article on this subject to the town paper and other papers, including the C. S. Monitor. We are holding essay contests in all Public School grades called for and trying to have work taken up in High School.

Lavoy reports our teachers have Miss McCorkindale's charts. At one Sunday School one of our boys gave a reading on the cigarette. We are sending for the leaflets you suggested.

Greenshields Union: One of the members read a paper on Narcotics, and we hope to take up the subject at a meeting again soon.

Innisfail says: "We are in a difficult situation here re. the cigarette and smoking habit. Two of our prominent ministers and some of our Sunday School teachers smoke openly. Miss Giles gave a talk on the evils of the cigarette habit during her address to Sunday School. We also had the lesson on smoking in Miss McCorkindale's charts put on by the principal of the High School before the Sunday School.

Edsburry Union: One Sunday School devoted one class hour period to this subject. Three Sunday Schools took up work through the Northern Messenger with keen interest and much benefit.

Lamont will use article "Alcohol a Narcotic Drug" from Clip Sheet at some meeting.

Lethbridge says article, "Alcohol a Narcotic Drug," from Clip Sheet, was read at a Sunday School meeting.

Edmonton Central says: We held an essay contest and a talk was given on cigarettes in Wesley Church Sunday School.

Booker T. Washington held an essay contest in schools, and taught the evils of cigarette smoking in their L. T. L. Read article on "Alcohol a Narcotic Drug" from Clip Sheet at a meeting.

Edmonton Victoria held essay contests in three city and one country school on the subject used this year for Grades VII and VIII: "How would cigarette smoking effect my chances as an athlete?" Clip sheets with article, "Alcohol a Narcotic," distributed in W. C. T. U. and W. M. S. meetings of various churches, also at the Edmonton Fair. 1,000 pamphlets, "Alcohol a Narcotic," by Mrs. A. D. Miller, were distributed at the Edmonton Fair.

Sisters, we cannot overlook the work of this department by saying, "Oh, just let us do one thing at a time, and get rid of alcohol first," for Science tells us that

opium, cocaine, morphine, heroin, alcohol and nicotine are all habit-forming drugs. Charles B. Towns, a noted authority on this question, says: "I consider that cigarette smoking is the greatest vice devastating humanity today, because it is doing more than any other to deteriorate the race."

The following extract is from F. H. King, in his "Farmers of Forty Centuries": "The eradication of the opium scourge must prove a great blessing to China. But with the passing of this most formidable evil, for whose infliction upon China England was largely responsible, it is a great misfortune that, through the pitiless efforts of the British-American Tobacco Company, her people are rapidly becoming addicted to the Western habit, selfish beyond excuse, filthy beyond measure, and unsanitary in its polluting and oxygen-destroying effect upon the air all are compelled to breathe. It has already become a greater and more inexcusable burden upon mankind than opium ever was." From "Tobacco," by Bruce Fink, professor of Botany of Miami University.

Sisters, we love and are proud of the children of this great land. Let us do all in our power to save them from the slavery of the drug habit and the suffering it brings upon humanity.

AGNES L. SPROULE.

Fairs and Exhibits

The Department of Fairs begs to report:

Didsbury served a hot dinner on Fair day, clearing \$136.64.

Calgary Unions report having a tent on Fair Grounds in July.

Viking distributed 100 leaflets on Fair day.

Nanton had a small exhibit at District Convention.

Claresholm put on an exhibit during the summer, and will have the same at convention.

Edmonton District Convention had a small exhibit put on by Victoria Union.

Victoria put on an exhibit at their Frances Willard. Conducted a rest and refreshment booth at the Fair, clearing \$61.00, which has been set aside as a beginning of a building fund, looking toward a building of our own on the exhibition grounds. Also distributed 8000 sheets of literature. We are showing some posters which were used in the schools in Wetaskiwin and were very kindly loaned for the convention.

This seems a very meagre result of a year's effort, but we feel that there is much that might be accomplished in this way. Surely the cigarette question is a very live one, a very live evil indeed.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET D. McKENZIE.

Report of W. C. T. U. Literature Depository

1928 Convention Sales	\$ 10.25
1928-29 Literature:	
Receipts	\$163.44
Disbursements	155.97
Cash Balance	\$ 7.47
Stamps	1.26
Balance, Royal Bank, per savings account No. 2220	\$79.68

Letters written—about 200. Clip Sheets sent out to all Unions in Directory. Also May and June issues to three subscribers.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. FREEZE.

Telegrams and Greetings

Greetings were received from the following and replied to by your committee: Mrs. Gordon Wright, Dominion President; Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, Past President; Mrs. A. Gordon, Ontario Provincial; Mrs. Ada L. Powers, Nova Scotia Provincial; Mrs. W. P. Wallace, Manitoba Provincial; Mrs. Ada Gillespie, B. C. Provincial; Miss Margaret Wilson, Quebec Provincial; Mrs. Effie Bruce and Mrs. E. Cook, New Brunswick Provincial; Mr. H. H. Hull, Alberta Prohibition Association; Mrs. Margaret McDonald, Griswold, Man.; Mrs. Burbeck, California; Mrs. B. C. Morrison, Halifax, N. S.; Mrs. Annie Bulyea, Peachland, B. C.; Mrs. Martha E. Fowler, Beaver Lodge, Alberta; Mrs. Almeda Livingstone, Seattle, U. S. A.; Mrs. Nancy Parke, Youngstown, Alberta; Mrs. W. M. Williamson, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

MRS. MAUD ALLISON,

MRS. LENA McDONALD,

Committee on Telegrams and Greetings.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Re. Prohibition. Whereas the evils resulting from the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes are always and everywhere manifest, under whatsoever system the traffic is conducted—therefore be it resolved that we, the members of the Alberta W. C. T. U., do hereby pledge ourselves unfalteringly in support of the total prohibition of the manufacture, importation, exportation, transportation, sale and warehousing in Canada of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, as being the only righteous and satisfactory attitude of the Christian people to the liquor traffic.

2. This committee urges that the Unions confer with school boards in their respective communities with a view to having daily reading of the Scriptures in accordance with the School Ordinance Act.

3. Re. Beer Licenses. Whereas over five years have elapsed since the commencement of the sale of beer by the glass in licensed places, which is quite sufficient time to prove their disastrous effects on the moral and social life of the Province;

And whereas it is now open comment that they are worse than the old bar-rooms, and contributory to the cause of many fatal accidents by drunken automobile drivers;

Therefore be it resolved that this annual convention of the Alberta W. C. T. U. call upon all Christian organizations and other associations, whose interests are the welfare of the people, to unite in one general effort to secure from the Alberta Government the necessary amendments to the Government Liquor Control Act, to stop all sale of beer by the glass; also to abolish the granting of banquet permits for the purchase of alcoholic beverages for such functions;

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier and Attorney-General of this Province, to the Alberta Prohibition Association, the U. F. W. A., the U. F. A. and the W. I.

4. Re. Goodwill Day. Whereas the ultimate solution of the problem of World Peace depends upon the disarmament of prejudice and racial antagonisms in the mind of childhood throughout the world; and

Whereas the public schools offer one of the most effective channels through which to propagate this idea; and

Whereas the World's Federation of Education Associations recommends the observance of Goodwill Day in the schools throughout the world;

Be it resolved that the Honorable the Minister of Edu-

cation be respectfully requested to direct that on Goodwill Day (May 18th) annually, programs be arranged having as their object the inculcation of the spirit of international understanding and goodwill.

5. Re. Cadet Training. Whereas the government of Canada has renounced war as an instrument of national policy through signing the Peace Pact, and

Whereas cadet training in our schools contradicts and opposes the spirit of this action;

Therefore be it resolved that we memorialize our Federal Government to withdraw the grant (of half a million) set aside for that work.

6. Re. Gambling. Resolved that as a body of Christian women we reiterate our unalterable disapproval of gambling in all its forms, including playing for stakes of money at social games, and we deplore the fact that the law discriminates between benevolent organizations raising money by games of chance, and gambling under other auspices, and further we desire that these privileges to benevolent societies and others be withdrawn.

7. Re. Sale of Cigarettes to Juveniles. Whereas there have come to our organizations repeated complaints that the law re. sale of cigarettes and other forms of tobacco to juveniles, and their use of the same, is being persistently disregarded and openly broken by numerous purveyors of these articles, and whereas we view with deep concern for the moral and physical well-being of our growing boys and girls the increasing number of juvenile users of tobacco in its various forms; therefore be it resolved that we, the Alberta Provincial W. C. T. U., respectfully urge upon the authorities who should act in this matter the necessity of closer surveillance of the places where tobacco is sold, with a view to punishment of those who persistently sell to juveniles without written orders from adults as required by law. We would also urge that where complaints are made the proprietor who sells to juveniles shall be required to produce said orders from adults in his defence.

8. According to Press despatches from Ottawa the Department of Justice has recently declared that the Government of Canada has not the power to prohibit, by regulation, the export of liquor to any country wherein the importation of liquor is prohibited or restricted;

Therefore, the Alberta Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in convention assembled, requests the Federal Government to bring down legislation at the next session which will enable them to refuse clearance to liquor cargoes destined for the U. S. A.

9. Re. Liquor Advertising. Whereas the Provincial Government in enacting the present liquor legislation

gave the people clearly to understand that it would countenance no attempt to promote sale of intoxicating liquors and whereas in the daily press in our towns and cities there appears to be a deliberate attempt through liquor advertising to induce people to purchase liquors in greater quantities, and whereas the Government though not itself advertising, must be held morally responsible for permitting such advertising, thus bringing financial gain to the Provincial treasury, and whereas the Ontario Government, in the interest of greater restriction of the traffic, has prohibited all liquor advertising, therefore be it resolved that the Alberta Provincial Government be requested to enact such legislation as will effectively prohibit all forms of liquor advertising, whether on billboards, in magazines, newspapers, or any other way.

10. Re. Literature. By establishing censor boards our Governments have already shown that they recognize and are endeavoring to cope with the moral dangers of improper literature and plays, and the W. C. T. U. of this Province urges all women to strengthen the work of these boards by personal and united efforts against all such improper literature and plays, by more careful supervision of the literature in our own homes and by making ourselves acquainted with the books and magazines to be obtained from our lending libraries.

11. Re. Drugs Act. Whereas the latest findings of science as to the effects of alcohol on the human organism have led to the declaration that "alcohol is from first to last and in all its effects a purely narcotic drug";

Therefore, this Convention of the Alberta W. C. T. U. assembled in Calgary respectfully urges upon the Federal Government that they take the only consistent step compatible with the above findings, and so amend the Canada Drugs Act as to place Alcohol upon the list of Narcotic Drugs, where it rightfully belongs.

12. Re. Posters in Post Offices. In view of the fact that the Paris Pact has become the foreign policy of the majority of the nations, Canada included, the Alberta Provincial W. C. T. U., in convention assembled, humbly request the Postmaster General to authorize the hanging of a poster containing the essential articles of the Pact in every Post Office of the Dominion in support of the Government policy.

13. Whereas smoking in public dining-rooms is a great inconvenience to many non-smokers, be it resolved that we, the Provincial W. C. T. U., suggest to the Hotel and the Restaurant Associations that they prohibit smoking in public dining rooms.

14. Oratorical Contests. Whereas the majority of the nations of the world have declared they will not resort to

other than pacific means for the settlement of international disputes; and

Whereas this declaration cannot be made effective unless supported by strong public opinion;

The Alberta W. C. T. U. request the Oratorical committee to include in the list of topics one relative to World Peace, e.g., "Our part in making the Peace Pact a reality."

15. We, the Provincial W. C. T. U. of Alberta, assembled in our seventeenth annual convention, wish to express our sincere thanks to the pastor and board of managers of the First Church of the Nazarene for the use of the church building and its equipment; to the local Unions of Calgary, who so generously supplied our needs; to the press; to the Mayor for his welcome; and to all others who brought greetings; to the hostesses and the billeting committee; to the musicians who so delighted us; to the Service Clubs for the drive, and to all others who helped in any way to make our Silver Anniversary the joy it will always remain in our memories.

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PLAN OF WORK

No. 1. Realizing our dependence upon God for success in all our work, we urge evangelistic superintendents, in conjunction with presidents of Unions, to make a special call for prayer amongst the members, particularly that prohibitory legislation of the manufacture and sale of liquor in Canada may soon be enacted. And, feeling that faith without works is dead, all officers are urged to take duties and obligations involved, more seriously, constantly keeping the membership alive to the almost unprecedented need of the hour.

To this end, we would further recommend a systematic propaganda to be launched in every available place, suggesting the practical use for this purpose of the World's Temperance Sunday, November 3rd; the Day of Prayer, January 3rd; Willard Memorial, February 17th; and W. C. T. U. Crusade Day, September 28th.

No. 2. In the best interests of home and country, our land should be freed from the ravages of alcohol, and realizing that temperance legislation can be effective only as it is supported by a strong total abstinence sentiment, believing the time is ripe for a movement to mobilize the total abstinence forces of our province. There are numbers of men and women who would gladly avail themselves of the privilege of registering as opponents of drinking customs and of the legalized drink traffic. Therefore, we recommend that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Alberta do immediately launch a pledge-signing campaign, the following pledge to be used: "I promise to abstain from alcoholic liquors as a beverage, and to use my best efforts for the final overthrow of the drink habit and of the liquor traffic." Signers being 18 years of age and over.

No. 3. Whereas Canada has become a signatory to the peace pact, it is recommended that Unions work to make the simple declaration of this treaty known to young and old, in order to create a strong public opinion which is determined that our Government shall never dishonor its signature. The following suggestions are offered:

- (a) Membership in League of Nations, which entitles members to paper, "Interdependence."
- (b) Arrange special peace program for Armistice Week, Christmas, and Goodwill Day, May 18th.
- (c) Wider use of plays and pageants tending towards international friendship.
- (d) To keep up to date regarding progress of this movement by allowing superintendents

of this department a few minutes at each meeting

- (e) Keep in touch with naval and military developments, material for which can be obtained through your member at Ottawa.

No. 4. That we urge all W. C. T. U. women to earnestly fight the growing cigarette evil.

1. By educational films. Propaganda against showing girls smoking in the movies.
2. Doing away with the selling of candies and licorice in form of cigarettes.
3. By articles in newspapers, talks in schools, distribution of leaflets in homes showing the filthiness and injury of the habit, with idea of discontinuing its acceptance as a habit of polite society.

No. 5. That we endeavor to inculcate respect for religion and the principles of Christian morality and temperance in the day school, by every possible means in our power.

No. 6. Recommended that each Union endeavor to meet its share of responsibility in raising the budget.

No. 7. Recommended that each local Union take a sympathetic interest in the teaching of Scientific Temperance in the schools, supplying teachers, whenever needed, with supplementary material for this purpose; and each Union give two prizes for essays, classified as follows: Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8; and Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

No. 8. The importance of information relative to the working out of the Liquor Control Act is urgent. We therefore recommend that ten minutes of each regular meeting be devoted to current events relative to this subject.

No. 9. We would further recommend that the executive of each district map out its constituency, geographically, so as to include its various towns and hamlets, appointing to each Union the work of reaching all such places in that locality by means of addresses and literature.

No. 10. We would urge press superintendents to see that live news items be regularly supplied to local papers.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Secretary
MRS. R. S. MARTIN
7818 - 104th Street
EDMONTON - ALBERTA

"Y. P. B." W. C. T. U.

Secretary
MRS. F. G. GREVETT
240-13th Ave. West
CALGARY - ALBERTA

Alberta Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union

Initiation Service for Reception of New Members.

1. **President**—Are there any new members to be received, or proposals for membership?
2. **Vice-President**, rising, answers with proposals or introduction of candidates.
3. **Vice-President** then escorts the candidates to the President's chair, the members remaining seated, meanwhile singing—

“Blest be the tie that binds.”
4. **Corresponding Secretary**, rising, reads articles 2 and 3 from the Local Constitution.
5. **President**—“You have heard the object for which our organization is banded together, and the condition of membership. If you are willing to sign the pledge and join with us in working for this object, will you please raise your right hand.”
6. **Vice-President** escorts them to the Recording Secretary's table.
7. **Recording Secretary**, rising, hands to each the pledge to sign, the members of the Union seated, meanwhile chanting or singing in unison:

“Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed
for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee; yea,
I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with
the right hand of my righteousness.”

8. **President**—"Dear Sisters, We welcome you to our Union in the name of our King, who has sent us to bind up the brokenhearted, and preach deliverance to the captive, and the opening of prison doors to them that are bound. In the name of Jehovah, I bestow upon thee the badge of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, our snow-white bow of white ribbon, and pray you to engrave upon your heart our holy principles of total abstinence for the individual, and for world-wide prohibition. Wear the badge, my sisters, always, and everywhere, for it marks you as one living not for self only but for the good of others. The Lord bless you and make you a blessing wherever you go, for His name's sake. Amen."

Members of Union sing softly:

"It's coming, it's coming, the morn for which we
pray,

We'll take the world for Christ's own Kingdom
some glad day."

9. **President** shakes hands with each new member, expressing welcome.
10. **Vice-President** now escorts them to Treasurer's desk, where they pay their dues and are given their card of membership by Corresponding Secretary as she takes their name and address. Organist meanwhile playing softly some musical selection.
11. A few brief addresses of welcome may be given by members.
12. **President** closing the service with prayer.

Constitution and By-Laws

—of the—

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

PREAMBLE

We, the Christian women of Alberta, conscious of the increasing evils, and appalled at the tendencies and dangers of intemperance, believe it has become our duty under the providence of God to unite our efforts for the entire prohibition of the liquor traffic.

PLEDGE: I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented or malt liquors, including wine, beer and cider, as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of, and traffic in, the same.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name: This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Alberta, Auxiliary to the Canadian National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE II

Officers: The officers shall be a president, a vice-president (the president of each district being vice-president ex-officio), a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, "Y" secretary, L. T. L. secretary, and a treasurer. These officers, with the honorary presidents and superintendents of departments, shall constitute an executive committee, with power to control and provide for the general interests of the work.

ARTICLE III

Sub-Committee: The president, vice-president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, "Y" secretary, L. T. L. secretary and treasurer, shall form a sub-committee of the executive board for the transaction of business during the year, three of whom shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE IV

Membership: The annual meeting shall be composed of the executive committee, two delegates from each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every ten paying members, or a major fraction thereof, and one representative from any L. T. L. having an affiliated mem-

bership of twenty or more. The meeting at which the officers shall be elected, shall be held in the month of October, in such place as may be determined by the previous meeting of the executive.

ARTICLE V

Affiliation: Each Local Union contributing to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of 90 cents per member yearly shall be auxiliary to the Provincial Union, and shall be entitled to the privilege of sending delegates to the annual convention. Each affiliation fee shall include a year's subscription to Canada's White Ribbon Tidings.

ARTICLE VI

Life Members: Any person signing the pledge and paying the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) may become a life member of the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE VII

Youmans Members: Any woman may become a Youmans member of the Provincial Union by signing the pledge and paying an annual fee of one dollar (\$1). This does not apply to places where there are local Unions.

ARTICLE VIII

This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual meeting, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the Union, also at all executive committee meetings. In the event of her illness, or death, her duties shall devolve upon the vice-president. The president may, through the recording secretary, call special meetings of the executive committee when she may deem necessary, or in response to the written request of any five members of the executive committee, and shall perform all other duties usual to such office.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

2. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and perform all duties usual to such office. She shall send to the corresponding secretaries yearly blank forms for reports of local unions not later than August 1, and from information thus received shall summarize her annual report. At the close of the Provincial annual meeting she shall provide a Directory of Unions for Provincial report.

RECORDING SECRETARY

3. The recording secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Union. She shall also be secretary of the executive and sub-committee meetings, and shall send to each member of said committee proper notice of such meetings, and designate in said notice the topics which are to be specially considered at the meetings. At the first sessions of each annual meeting she shall call the roll of delegates; she shall read the minutes of all the sessions of the executive committee since the last annual meeting and all papers ordered to be read. She shall apprise committees of their appointment at the first of the session of each annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

TREASURER

4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money and present a detailed report thereof, properly audited, at each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills, except on order signed by the president and recording secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate two weeks previous to the Provincial annual meeting.

VOTING

5. The general officers and Provincial superintendents shall vote in person, and their vote cannot be cast otherwise. Each delegation may fill its quota by visiting members from its own Union; if any local president is absent, said Union may be represented on the executive committee by a member of its delegation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

6. The officers shall be elected on the last day but one of the annual meeting. Tellers having been appointed by the convention, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately. Should any candidate not receive three-quarters of the votes cast on the informal ballot, they shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast. The retiring officers shall retain their position until the close of each convention.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS

7. Superintendents shall be nominated by the executive committee, and elected by the annual convention. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered, and the executive committee may fill any vacancy occurring during the year.

Superintendents of departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their departments, and shall be required to give an itemized account of the expenditure connected with their work, which shall be borne by the Provincial Union. They shall submit all circulars and plans of work to the sub-committee of the Provincial executive.

LIFE MEMBERS

8. Life members shall be entitled to a certificate of membership, a bow of white ribbon, a copy of the programme, also a seat on the floor of the house during convention, and permission to take part in the debate. The privilege of voting and moving and seconding motions is reserved for those who are credential delegates.

YOUMANS MEMBERS

9. The Provincial Union shall send Youmans members the White Ribbon Tidings and programme of the annual meetings. These members shall be entitled to attend convention, and to take part in discussions, but not to vote.

EXPENSES

10. Expenses of the Provincial officers in travelling to and from the annual meeting, also for postage and stationery, and of the president visiting Unions and organizing shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

RULES OF ORDER

11. "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the recognized guide of parliamentary procedure in all cases where it does not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Union.

12. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any convention.



CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT W. C. T. U.

ARTICLE I

The organization shall be known as the District Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Alberta Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE II

The object of the Union shall be to bring the workers of the district into closer touch with each other and to place and carry forward measures which, with the blessing of God, shall result in promoting the cause of total abstinence and in outlawing the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE III

The officers of the Union shall be: A president, a vice-president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, "Y" secretary, L. T. L. secretary and treasurer. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV

The executive committee shall consist of the general officers and the local presidents, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in the interim of annual meetings.

ARTICLE V

The district president shall call conventions, supervise the work in her district, organize Unions and provide for the general interests of the work in co-operation with the Provincial President.

ARTICLE VI

The annual meeting shall be composed of the district officers and superintendents of departments, presidents of local Unions and one delegate at large and one for every ten paying members.

ARTICLE VII

Local Unions may become auxiliary to the District Union by the payment of ten cents per member annually into the treasury. Any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and the payment of one dollar (\$1.00) a year into the treasury.

Constitution, By-Laws and Order of Business of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union

LOCAL CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name: This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of auxiliary to the Alberta Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE II

Object: The object of the Union shall be to meet together for prayer and conference, to educate public sentiment to the standard of total abstinence, to train the young, save the inebriate, to secure the complete extinction of the liquor traffic, and to enter into any Christian work to which the Lord may call.

PLEDGE: I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including wine, beer and cider, as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE III

Membership: Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the pledge, and by payment of one dollar (\$1.00) per year. In the case of Young Women's organizations the membership fee shall be fifty cents (50c). Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and by payment of one dollar fee annually, all of which is retained by the Local Union. They shall be entitled to all the principles of membership except the vote and holding office.

ARTICLE IV

Officers: The officers of this organization shall be a president, vice-president (one vice-president from each church, when practicable), a corresponding secretary, recording secretary and a treasurer. These officers, with the superintendents of the different departments, shall constitute the executive committee.

ARTICLE V

Each Union shall send annually to the district treasurer a sum equal to fifty cents per member. In addition to this she shall send for each name a receipt for subscription to White Ribbon Tidings. Ten cents of this amount shall be retained for district work and the balance forwarded to the Provincial treasurer.

ARTICLE VI

Annual Meeting: The annual business meeting of a local Union shall be held not later than the last week in August for the election of officers and superintendents; also for the election of delegates to the Provincial annual meeting. At these local annual meetings reports of corresponding secretary and treasurer and superintendents of departments shall be read and confirmed, before being sent to the Provincial secretary and superintendents.

BY-LAWS—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

ARTICLE I

President

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the organization and supervise its general interests; and she may, with any three members of the union, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

Vice-Presidents

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each vice-president to preside in her turn in the absence of the president, and to endeavor to interest women of her own church in the work.

Corresponding Secretary

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and to report to the corresponding secretary of the Provincial Union yearly, on receipt of blank form (having first submitted her report to the local Union), giving such items of general interest as will enable said secretary to judge correctly of the conditions of the Unions. She, with the recording secretary, shall also prepare the report of the annual meeting of the local Union. They shall also prepare a condensed report for the Provincial convention, sending it with the delegate, or forwarding to the Provincial corresponding secretary two weeks before the date of

meeting. In small Unions the work of the secretaries may be done by the recording secretary, if desirable.

Recording Secretary

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Union and to notify the members and the public of its meetings.

Treasurer

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to collect all membership dues and to devise means to increase the funds of the organization. She shall receive and keep all monies collected for the use of the Union, keeping an exact book account, and making a monthly report of the same. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the president and recording secretary. She shall forward regularly to the District treasurer all monies intended for District and Provincial work not later than May 1.

ARTICLE II

Election of Officers

The officers shall be elected by ballot in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the president, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately. Should any candidate receive three-quarters of the vote cast on the informal ballot, she shall be considered elected; if not, the members shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Superintendents of Departments

Each superintendent of a department shall avail herself of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in her department, and report to the Provincial superintendent of the same department, on or before the last day of August, and same should have a definite plan of work, and submit same to the local executive for approval.

ARTICLE IV

Expenses of Unions

All expenses in connection with the regular work of the Unions shall be borne by each separate Union.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

The regular meetings of the Unions may be held as often as the members decide. One meeting each month shall be largely a devotional meeting. The executive and other communities shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE VI

A quorum shall consist of such members as shall be present at a regular meeting, the notice of such meeting being given to the members.

ARTICLE VII

Delegates to Provincial Convention

Delegates to the Provincial Convention are received on the following basis: Two for each Union and one additional delegate for every ten paying members of each Union. The expenses for general officers for postage, stationery, etc., shall be borne by the Union. Travelling expenses for delegates to annual convention shall, where at all practicable, be borne by the Union sending delegates.

ARTICLE VIII

Badge

All members shall wear the white ribbon badge of Woman's Christian Temperance Union pin.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Devotional exercises.
Roll call and reading of the pledge.
Reading minutes of last meeting.
Reception of new members.
Treasurer's report.
Unfinished business.
Reception of communications.
Report of committees.
Miscellaneous business.

Educational Half-Hour in which some department or phase of temperance work will be taken up through the use of the Departmental Exercises, or brief pages, or addresses, followed always by discussion, and conducted, if possible, by the passage of resolutions bringing the Union to practical effort in support of the subject considered.

Adjournment.

Legion Regulations

Constitution for a General or Junior Loyal Temperance Legion

I. NAME

The organization shall be called the Loyal Temperance Legion of.....

II. OBJECT

Its object shall be the building up of character, the educating of the boys and girls in the principles of total abstinence and purity, and the training of them to become efficient workers along all lines of reform.

III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, secretary, treasurer, librarian and organist. These juvenile officers shall be chosen quarterly from the pledged members, and be under the supervision of the general secretary (appointed by the W. C. T. U.) and assistants.

IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The general secretary shall have general charge of the legion; she should carry out, as far as practicable, the recommendations found in "Questions Answered," and in the Manual of Loyal Temperance Legions, as well as plans of her own, and should carefully prepare in advance the programme of regular meetings.

Section 2. The organist and choirmaster shall endeavor to bring the singing of the legion to the highest standard of excellence.

Section 3. The teachers shall, in case of necessary absence, furnish substitutes; in addition to work in the classes they shall call upon the legioners at their homes and write to them during protracted absence.

Section 4. The juvenile president shall preside at regular meetings, under the direction of the general secretary.

Section 5. The duties of secretary and treasurer shall be such as are common to these officers in other societies.

Section 6. The librarian shall have charge of the legion property.

V. LEGION RULE

Each boy and girl must, upon entering, assent to the following rule: "I promise to be quiet and orderly, attentive to the instructions of our leader, and to all the exercises of the meetings."

VI. THE LEDGE

Trusting in God's help, I solemnly promise to abstain from the use of alcoholic drinks, including wine, beer and cider, from the use of tobacco in any form and from profanity, and to endeavor to put down indecent language and all coarse jests, and to use every means to fulfil the command: "Keep thyself pure."

VII. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any boy or girl may become a member and be entitled to all the privileges of the meetings by signing the legion rule; but to become a member in full standing and to be entitled to wear the badge of the legion, each must sign the pledge of the legion. Only pledged members shall be eligible to office after the first term of office.

Section 2. Each adult officer and teacher shall sign the constitution and pledge.

BY-LAWS

1. DUES—Each member of honor is expected to pay 10 cents per year. Five cents to be sent to the District Treasurer, who will forward 4 cents to the Provincial Treasurer, who will send 3 cents to the Dominion Treasurer, who must forward 1 cent to the World's Treasurer. The other five cents to be retained for local expense.

2. Pledged members should wear the badge at all times.

3. The meetings of the Legion shall be held.....

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